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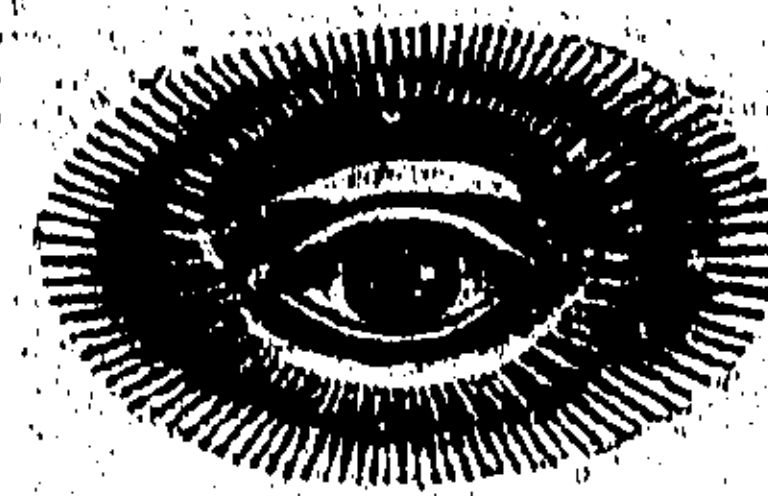
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BRITISH CABINET.

Resumed Meeting Lasts Three Hours.

Rugby, Feb. 5. The meeting of the Cabinet resumed from last Wednesday occupied three hours this afternoon in considering the position created by Mr. Chen's refusal to sign the draft agreement regarding the status of the Concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang.—British Wireless Service.

HARD FACTS.

Mr. Churchill's Notable Speech.

London, Feb. 4. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at Manchester, said that he did not believe there were grounds for grave anxiety as regards China. Nothing was further from our intentions and ideas than to be drawn into an adventurous, aggressive or ambitious Byzantine policy in China.

We sought nothing there but the ability to sell the goods which the Chinese desire, and to receive useful goods in exchange. We regard the four hundred millions of Chinese as potential friends and customers.

"The last thing you do to a potential customer is to shoot him. The last thing you wish is a potential customer to shoot you."

We had shown a preparedness to do our utmost to gratify the dignity and national feelings of the Chinese, but when it comes to mob violence, when it comes to the life and property of British subjects dwelling under the sanctity of treaties recognised for generations being violently assailed and menaced, we were bound, if we wished to maintain our treasured reputation, to take reasonable measures for their protection and defence.

Mr. Churchill believed that if the Government was supported as it would be not merely by its own supporters but by the mass of steady, sober opinion in the country, they would, with patience, forbearance and self-respecting firmness, succeed in procuring a great amelioration of the Chinese position before the end of the year.—Reuter.

UNHAPPY PARADOX.

Britain "Carrying The Baby."

London, Feb. 4. The weekly papers, "The Spectator" and the "Nation" congratulate Sir Austen Chamberlain on his liberal and large-minded speech at Birmingham, the latter declaring that Sir Austen Chamberlain has conceded in principle almost everything that any reasonable Chinese leader has ever demanded, which must go a long way to take the wind out of the sails of the Chinese Communists and their Russian advisers.

"It would be a pity," comments "The Nation," "if the significance of the speech were obscured by the troops controversy. Let none imagine that if troops are not sent there would not have been the risk of serious developments. The Division sent is hopelessly inadequate for offensive action. We therefore conclude that the Government is wholly sincere in their purpose to provide against mob violence."

"The Spectator" advocates referring the whole question to the League of Nations "if nothing worthy of the name of an agreement is reached within a few weeks."

Mr. Chen and the Russians. The paper points out the paradox that Britain, while lead-

ing the world and recommending magnanimous action in China, still bears the odium of being "The Imperialistic Power" par excellence which is threatening China with armed men.

The paper concludes: "Having offered so much, Britain implies that when the occasion is ripe China shall, or ought to be, as independent of rules invented by foreigners as Britain."

"It is now the task of the Cantonese and all the other authorities in China to make the occasion ripe. If Mr. Eugene Chen, through bad judgment or fear of Russian advisers, refused a solid fruitful peace he will commit as bad a mistake as it is possible for a statesman to make."—Reuter.

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

Snowstorm Prevents Hankow Demonstration.

The following naval wireless messages were received overnight:

Consul-General Affleck and Vice-Consul Lamb have arrived at Chungking from Cheng Su. Troop movements down river from Ichang continue.

A Japanese steamer which arrived at Hankow yesterday full of troops discharged them at the ex-Russian Concession.

The "Times" Hankow correspondent reports that Press messages are being delayed by the Chinese censor.

American Doctor Threatened. Demonstrations arranged yesterday at Hankow did not take place owing to a snowstorm.

The Kiukiang-British community is still confined to the river steamer off the Concession and unable to land owing to the attitude of the local troops who are "not under proper control."

The American Doctor, Mr. Whitworth, who lands daily to visit the hospital, was threatened yesterday forenoon by soldiers.

Passing Off Quietly. Shanghai, Feb. 5. A message from Hankow dated yesterday states that a light fall of snow, added to most unpleasant weather, probably accounted for the fact that up to 3.30 p.m. there was no sign of the demonstration which, according to reports, had been planned for that afternoon.

There was every indication at the time of wiring that the day would pass off quietly.—Reuter.

AMERICAN FORCES.

Chinese Ambassador's Informal Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 4. When Mr. Alfred Sze informally enquired regarding the movements of American troops in the Far East he was informed that there is no intention of landing forces unless the lives of Americans are actually endangered. The activity of the Navy Department is entirely precautionary.

Mr. Sze did not lodge a protest. He explained that he merely sought information in order to be able to anticipate a possible protest by Mr. Eugene Chen.—Reuter's American Service.

MAKING MISCHIEF.

Busybody Labour Minority Trounced.

The Secretary for Dominions, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, in a speech on China at Birmingham, said that a fraction of busybodies professing to speak in the name of Labour was sending messages to China which could only mislead the Chinese.

This section pretended to have influence over the direction of

NEW YEAR CRIME.

Skirmish in the New Territory.

\$800 LIFEBOAT LOST.

Two robber raids in different parts of the Ping Shan district, New Territory, (between Castle Peak and Deep Bay) occurred just before China New Year.

At Nim Wan, off the main road and facing Deep Bay, three village watchmen were on duty at 8 p.m. on Monday. About ten armed men stole up. When challenged by the watchmen the raiders opened fire. A skirmish followed in which the watchmen succeeded in driving off the alleged robbers. One man was arrested by the defenders of the village and he is suspected of being one of the gang.

The master of a fishing boat was taken to the Kowloon Hospital with a chopper wound in the head after a robbery on his boat. This boat was coming from Nam Tau, in Chinese territory, to Cheung Chau (Dumbell) Island and called in at the small village of Lung-kun-tan to spend Tuesday night. The gang had choppers and a revolver. They bound and gagged the master and another fisherman on board, inflicted the injury stated and took away the cargo of dried oysters valued at \$40. The other fisherman made the report to the Police.

Sometime between Thursday and yesterday, the s.s. "Ling-sang" lost a lifeboat valued at \$800. The ship was lying at No. 6 buoy at the Kowloon Docks and the boat was tied to the stern.

From No. 33, Bonham Strand East, jewelry and other property to the total value of \$164 was stolen yesterday.

Government's policy, "As a matter of fact they have no more influence over the policy of this country than a fly. The only thing they can do is to produce harm."—Reuter.

ITALY'S REPLY.

British Policy Endorsed.

Rome, Feb. 4. It is reliably reported that Italy has replied to the British memorandum practically endorsing British policy in China, maintaining the rights of the Powers to defend their interests in China.—Reuter.

A Warship for China?

Rome, Feb. 4. The Press emphasises the identity of attitude between Britain and Italy in regard to the Chinese situation and declares that the Government must act firmly in defence of Western civilisation against the violence of barbaic xenophobia stirred up by Bolsheviki propaganda.

Signor Mussolini's organ, the "Popolo d'Italia," thinks that it will be difficult for Italy to abstain from intervening if her interests are assailed by the fanaticism of Chinese mobs.

The "Corriere del Lavoro" expresses the opinion that Italy will probably despatch a battleship to China and emphasises that any Italian intervention will be purely defensive and precautionary.—Reuter.

SAIL FOR CHINA.

Transports and Hospital Ship.

Malta, Feb. 4. The transports "Megantic" and "Minnesota" and the hospital ship "Maine" have left for China.—Reuter.

BEFORE THE BREAK.

Mr. Chen's Reply to British Proposals.

Hankow, Feb. 8. In the course of a reply to the British proposals, communicated to Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Eugene Chen states that the Nationalist Government is prepared to consider and discuss the terms outlined as a basis for a comprehensive and reasoned settlement of existing differences between China and the British provided the terms relating to the Concessions, International Settlements and other

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"SUNNING" INQUIRY.

COMDR. MILES AND MR. GOGGIN RESIGN.

NEW COMMISSIONERS.

Commander Francis N. Miles, O.B.E., R.N., and Mr. William George Goggin have resigned from the offices of commissioners on the "Sunning" Piracy Commission appointed by the Hong Kong Government for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances under which the s.s. "Sunning" was seized by pirates while on the voyage from Shanghai to Hong Kong on Nov. 15.

The current Government "Gazette" notifies that in their place H.E. the Governor has appointed Lt. Comdr. Lewis John Pitts-Jones, D.S.C., R.N., Mr. Thomas Graham Weall (of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.) and Capt. Arthur Wellesley Davison, R.N.R.

The "China Mail" understands that Mr. Goggin has resigned because he is shortly going home on leave.

"KO CHOW" CASE.

POLICE DECISION ON TUESDAY.

MANY TO BE RELEASED.

A further remand was granted till Tuesday by Mr. R. E. Lind-sell, First Police Magistrate, this morning in the case of the twenty-one Chinese who are held in connection with the sensational discovery of arms and ammunition on the s.s. "Ko Chow," prior to that boat's departure for Wuchow about a fortnight ago.

Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, said that inquiries were proceeding. He would be able to make a definite statement on Tuesday when a number of the men may be discharged.

His Worship remarked that from what he understood of the case there was little evidence except against the first of the defendants.

STRAIGHT ACROSS.

AIRMAN'S NOTABLE CHANNEL FLIGHT.

PASSENGER IN A HURRY.

Rugby, Feb. 4. Captain Hinchcliffe, with a passenger and mechanic, made a remarkable flight to-day from Cherbourg to Croydon, accomplishing the journey in 76 minutes.

His passenger being in a hurry, he flew straight across the Channel, instead of taking the French coastline for a considerable distance, as is usual, and thus reduced the journey by at least one hundred miles. There was a fog over the Channel at the time. Captain Hinchcliffe was flying a land plane and could not in case of need, have alighted on the open sea.—British Wireless Service.

RECORD SPEED.

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REMARKABLE FEAT.

Rugby, Feb. 4. Captain Malcolm Campbell in his 450-horse-power Napier Campbell car the "Bluebird," succeeded to-day at Pendine Sands, Carmarthenshire, in breaking the world's speed record for both the kilometre and the mile.

He covered the kilometre at a speed of 174.848 miles an hour, and the mile at a speed of 174.224 miles an hour.

The previous record for the mile made by Parry Thomas was 170.624 miles an hour.—British Wireless Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 15/16

GENERAL BOOTH.

Dramatic Scenes At Albert Hall.

GENERAL IN A RICSHA.

All ranks of the Salvation Army invested the Albert Hall on December 28 to welcome home from Japan, Korea, and the Dutch East Indies, their Commander-in-Chief, General Bramwell Booth.

His return was dramatically stage-managed. The hall was darkened; only one doorway showed, picked out in the spot-lights. Through this came a dancing procession of children in washed kimonos, with flowers in their hair, carrying glimmering Chinese lanterns and wands of almond blossom.

In their midst was the General, a white-haired figure, drawn slowly in a ricksha. He circled the cheering hall and then, behind came the rickshas in which, wearing topees, sat the members of his travelling staff.

Later, the gaily-dressed throng of children, assembled on the dais, and in vigorous treble sang a specially composed action song. "In the changing beams of coloured light they made a spectacle not unworthy of the Albert Hall, that home of spectacles. But the supreme moment of the evening came when the meeting dissolved into a huge Christmas party. Six sledges were dragged in crammed with toys, and the frantic happiness of their distribution was a sight to warm the heart."

Experiences in Japan. Brigadier Evan Smith, who accompanied the General on his tour, described the ambassadorial receptions, which, he said, the Salvationists were everywhere given.

General Booth was greeted with a tremendous beating of drums and cheering when he rose and spoke of his experiences in Japan. "I believe that in all ways Japan is destined to play a great part in the future of the world. I don't know anything about politics," he said, "and thank God that I am not a politician. We ought to cultivate the friendship of Japan. A friendly Japan is worth more to any nation than piles of armaments. I view with alarm the tendency to engage in a race for armaments for a future conflict which some people seem to regard as inevitable. It fills me with alarm when I see a little more war preparation here and a little more war preparation there. I do not believe it is needed."

At the close Mrs. Booth distributed hundreds of toys to children.

FRENCH VISAS.

BRITISH SUBJECTS SPECIALLY EXCEPTED.

Rugby, Feb. 4. The Foreign Office has received information from the French Embassy that instructions have been sent to the French Consuls that the arrangement of 1921 under which British subjects do not require visas to enter French territory is to remain in force.

This means that British subjects will not be affected by the French Government's new regulation which requires the passports of foreigners to be vised by French Consuls with a view to preventing the inflow of foreign labour while unemployment exists in France.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL WILL.

\$1,700 LEFT BY MRS. DYER BALL.

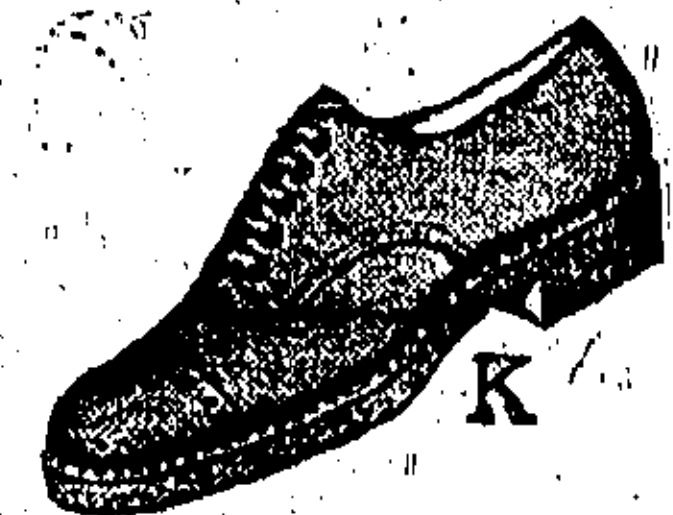
Mrs. Ruth Mary Ball, wife of Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Assistant Attorney-General, whose death at Cromwell Nursing Home, London, took place on October 25 last year, left estate in Hong Kong valued at \$1,700. Probate has been granted to Mr. A. Dyer Ball. The majority of the bequests are to deceased's son, Denys Michael Ball.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for Hong Kong; the adjoining coast and Formosa Channel is:—North-east winds, fresh; cloudy.

Among recent postage stamp changes it is noted that in the F.M.S. the 4c. and 6c. stamps in the existing "tiger" type have exchanged colours, the former now being orange and the latter scarlet.

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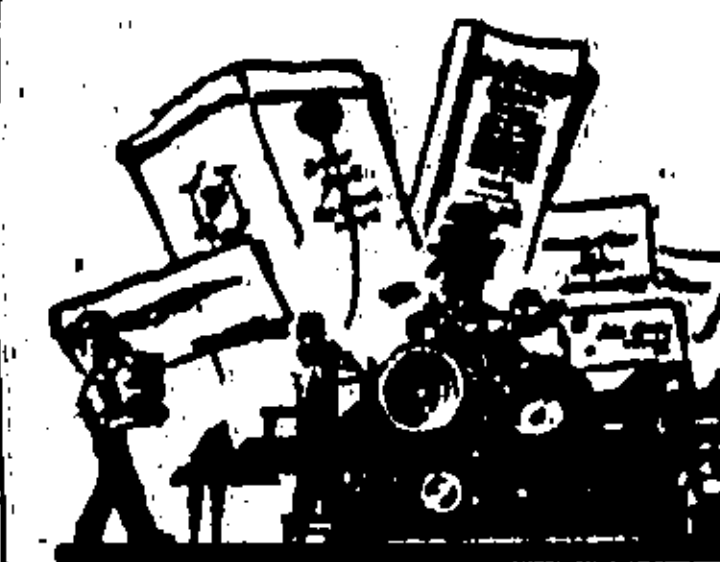
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THEATRE ROYAL.**MAIN EVENTS:**

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Mrs. William Marden (2), from Harbin.

Orelow, from Los Angeles Cal.

Yuenkoshi, from Kobe.

May Fung, from Shanghai.

Matsuoka Passenger Sphinx, from Kobe.

Morris, from Amoy.

Kariagin, from Peking.

E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.

Hong Kong Station, Jan. 27, 1927.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in E. E. Telegraph Office, Hong Kong.

Halward, from Foochow.

E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 27th January, 1927.

NOTICES.**ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, Prospect Place, Bonham Road.**

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THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, February 14th, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, February 14th, 1927, to THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPPEL, Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 5th, 1927.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong, 29th Jan., 1927.

THE CHINESE TELEGRAPH ADMINISTRATION.**HONG KONG STATION.****NOTICE.**

ON instructions by the Ministry of Communications, Peking, rates per word for Inland Telegrams are to be increased from February 1, 1927, as follows:—

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By Order, The Manager.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Society, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon when the proposed Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Society shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2) That in Article 39 in the first line thereof between the words "Society" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(3) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings.

"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(4) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the words "purposes" and the word "and," the following words be inserted "outside the Colony of Hong Kong."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,

PAUL LAUDER, General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.15 p.m. when the proposed Resolution will be proposed.

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(2) That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings.

"80. On a show of hands every member present shall have one vote, and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him. No member not personally present shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands, unless such member is a corporation present by a proxy or a company present by a representative duly authorised by Section 69 of Ordinance No. 53 of 1911, in which case such proxy or representative may vote on the show of hands as if he were a member of the company."

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PAUL LAUDER, General Manager.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Fire Insurance Company Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.30 p.m., when the proposed Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Company shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2) That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings.

"80. On a show of hands every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote, and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him. No member not personally present shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands, unless such member is a corporation present by a proxy or a company present by a representative duly authorised by Section 69 of Ordinance No. 53 of 1911, in which case such proxy or representative may vote on the show of hands as if he were a member of the company."

(3) That in Article 39 in the first line thereof between the words "company" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the company shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(4) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings.

"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(5) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the words "purposes" and the word "and," the following words be inserted "outside the Colony of Hong Kong."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,

PAUL LAUDER, General Manager.

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ROBBERS' TUNNEL.**FITTED WITH PHONES AND ELECTRICITY.**

Investigation into the robbery of \$100,000 from the Discount Bank by thieves who entered the building by means of a tunnel which they had constructed under the roadway have disclosed that the tunnel was 63 yards long and was built on the most modern system applied in mines.

It was supplied with an electric light and telephone service connected with the cellars of a toy shop opposite the bank, in which the thieves had established their headquarters. A large sum of money was spent on the construction of the underground corridor.

The robbers were not entirely successful in their raid as they apparently forgot that the use of chemicals necessary to open the safes would produce asphyxiating gases. They were compelled by the poisonous fumes to withdraw before they could open the principal safe in the bank, whose contents were of great value.

No arrest has so far been made. The police believe the robbery was carried out by an international gang and that they have escaped into Germany.

STYLE IN CRIME.**FURS DO NOT MAKE THE MAN.**

Wearing a magnificent fur coat, with a stylish silk muffler, a man was brought before the police magistrate of the Porte St. Denis and charged with not paying his bill at a restaurant.

"I am very sorry," he said, "but my pocket-book which contained \$250 has been stolen. Here is my card," and he presented a piece of pasteboard which showed him to be a well-known business man.

The magistrate was about to dismiss the charge when he noticed that the man's pockets were bulging strangely. He ordered them to be emptied. They contained a dozen safety razors, as many fountain pens, silk handkerchiefs and ties, as well as several pocket-books.

The magistrate told the man to take his coat off and was surprised to find that he had on merely a singlet and trousers.

The man confessed that he had stolen the fur coat from a waiting motor-car. He has since been identified as René Layie, who has been condemned 18 times for various offences.

Mlle. Regine Flory**SHOT ACTRESS'S \$5,000 ESTATE IN ENGLAND.**

London.—Mlle. Regine Flory, the French actress, who shot herself in a London theatre on June 17 last, left personal estate in England of the gross value of \$5,030, and of the net value of \$4,961. This is exclusive of considerable property in France.

Her will is dated February 16, 1924, and was made in Paris. She left the following free of duty.

A pair of earrings, pear-shaped, in diamonds, mounted on a thread of diamonds and platinum, to Mme. Jeanne Tourier (née Levy), of 5, Cité Molière, Paris.

A diamond bracelet (one diamond missing), ornamented with a pearl in the middle to Mme. Malinsky, of 171, Faubourg Poissonnière, Paris.

5,000 francs to Mme. Céline Chaumont Mussey.

All her other property she left to her mother "subject to these directions being carried out," failing which her mother's share is to be restricted to "the strict share prescribed by the law" (in this case one fourth of her property), and the balance to war orphans.

UNINSURED OWNER.**JUDGE DESCRIBES IT AS "ABSOLUTE FOLLY."**

"In these days it is absolute folly to own a motor-car and not be insured," said Judge Harington, at Kingston County Court when Hodgson's Brewery Company, Kingston, were awarded £88 in a claim against Edmond Nagle, of Wandsworth Road, Clapham, for damage done to the George and Dragon public house, Kingston Hill, by Nagle's motor-car.

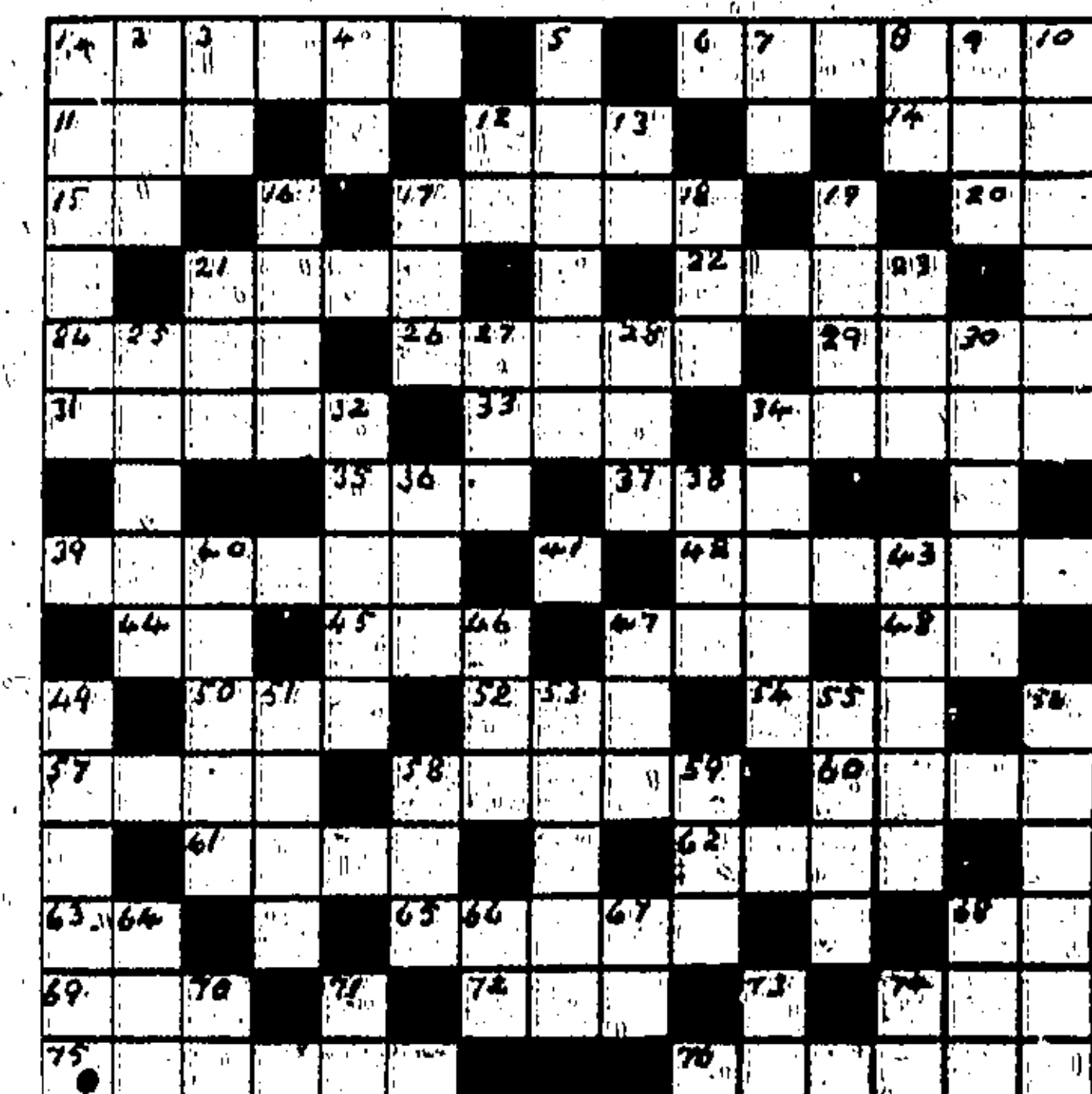
Nagle stated that he was not insured because he could not afford it, and the judge remarked, "Then you ought not to have a car."

Evidence was given that Nagle left his car outside the public house, and during his absence the engine was started by another man.

The High Commissioner for Australia (Sir Joseph Cook) announced that all women domestic workers approved by the Migration and Settlement Department, Australia House, for service in Australia will be granted free passages.

"CHINA MAIL" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**NO 3—\$50 MUST BE WON****FIRST READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY THROUGH.**

1. The PRIZES in this competition will be AWARDED STRICTLY on MERIT.
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3. An entry fee of fifty cents must accompany each coupon.
4. No entry will be considered under any circumstances whatsoever, unless entry money for each solution is enclosed.
5. Entries must reach the office of the "China Mail" not later than the time and date for closing announced on the coupon.
6. No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All letters should be registered and/or sealed.
7. The prize of \$50 must be won and will be awarded for an all correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties the \$50 will be divided. No competitor may win more than one share of the prize in each competition.
8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into Correspondence regarding the Competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
12. All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Offices, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
13. No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to compete.
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S. S.	Tonnage	From	Destination
KIDDERPORE	5,354	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DELTA	5,354	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,344	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	9,344	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANUVA	10,302	19th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,306	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NAGPORA	5,283	12th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	19th March	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	10,508	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	19th April	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,114	19th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANUVA	10,302	30th April	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,114	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	11th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MONGOLIA	10,508	11th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull

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BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

TILAWA	10,000	11th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	16th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	1st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
GAMBHIRA	5,257	8th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	8,050	4th March	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
ARAFURA	6,000	20th April	
TANDA	8,050	3rd June	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st July	
ARAFURA	6,000	20th July	

Regular monthly sailings from Hongkong to Japan and Hongkong to Australia.

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TANDA	8,050	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
SHIRALA	7,841	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NAGPORA	5,283	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,508	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
GAMBHIRA	5,257	18th Feb.	Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKIWA	10,000	18th Feb.	Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MANUVA	10,302	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
PERIM	7,643	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,653	18th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,114	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	22nd April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,053	28th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

S.S. "PELEUS"	Via Suez Canal	25th February.
S.S. "CITY OF BRISTOL"	do.	5th March.
S.S. "ATREUS"	do.	25th March.
S.S. "TEUCER"	do.	5th April.

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' Option.

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SHIPPING PRACTICE.

PORTS, HARBOURS AND TRADE.

AN INTERESTING SURVEY.

A course of lectures of particular interest to all connected with shipping affairs is being delivered at the City School of Commerce, Liverpool, during the present winter, by Colonel T. H. Hawkins, the Principal Assistant to the General Manager of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board. The subject of the lectures is shipping practice, and the first lecture, which is reported in a recent issue of the Liverpool "Chamber of Commerce Monthly Journal," deals with ports and harbours.

In his survey of the purpose of ports, the lecturer makes particular reference to geographical and physical conditions, the demands of trade and the nature of districts served. A port, he points out, must be as compact as possible, so that traders do not take an inordinate time getting from one part of the estate to another in the transaction of their business, but this policy of perfection is not always attainable. Many ports consist of a number of smaller concerns welded into a whole under one authority at some later date. These were often built as competitors with each other, and there was no idea at the time of co-ordination or amalgamation. London, now a single vast system, is made up of a number of what were rival companies. Sometimes the port authority in the past made no provision for acquiring land for future developments, or they were unable to do so, or it may be that change of development schemes, owing to the necessities of trade or for other reasons, has rendered construction impossible on plans previously thought out.

Stress is also laid on the fact that the ports of the world are great national assets. They cannot be improvised. But are the result of years of toil and far-seeing endeavour. The ambit of the great ports is not local. Localities are too apt to consider them in the local sense, due largely to local pride in their greatness, but they play a part in the nation's life far removed from local considerations. They are the doors through which pass the daily needs of the population and through which pass the vast overseas exports.

Ownership. In regard to control of a port, Colonel Hawkins considers that private ownership is probably no longer the best form of control for any large port concern, owing to the vast interests involved. Municipal ownership places control in the hands of the ratepayers and of municipal bodies, who are not the ideal body to deal with matters often far removed from the municipality concerned. It is only natural that the ratepayers should object to subsidising the docks out of the rates. This attitude must always have a tendency to cramp the activities of the undertaking. There remains the great Trust system, which is probably the best and most effective, an undertaking which is self-supporting, but which makes no profit, run by shipowners, traders, and merchants, for shipowners, traders and merchants.

Colonel Hawkins concludes his lecture by considering the ideal port from the point of view of the shipowner. That there can be too many ports in a country, he states, admits of little doubt, the shipowner desires so far as possible to fill up his vessel or discharge at one port only, and he would prefer to have small consignments collected at one big port rather than have to perform coastal voyages to a number of ports, thereby incurring expensive charges and losing ship's time. This holds good particularly in countries which are as yet only in the earlier stages of development, such as Australia and New Zealand, where land conveyance is over large distances, or where means of inland connection do not exist, and where each locality, having a, perhaps, legitimate pride and belief in its own future importance, endeavours to build up its own ocean port. If a sea-going vessel has to spend 40 or 50 days going from port to port to discharge or pick up cargo, it is obvious that the operation must be a costly one and that the vessel is losing time which should be spent on the ocean voyage, thereby securing more voyages during the year and reducing freight charges.

CLYDE LAUNCHES SLUMP.

From the Clyde shipbuilding yards the output for 1926 is little more than half that of 1925 and, with the exception of 1923, is the lowest for more than 30 years. The total is 147 vessels of a combined tonnage of 298,753, compared with 514,100 tons in 1925, and 766,176 tons in 1913, the record year.

Prospects for 1927 are bright. There are considerable arrears of work to be proceeded with once steel supplies return to normal, and during the past two months there has been a substantial number of new orders.

The arrangement entered into with the tug owners for a temporary increase of the wage rates on the Tyne by 35 1/3 per cent. has terminated, and the normal wage rate has again come into operation.

MERCHANT SERVICE.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STRAITS GUILD.

Singapore, Jan. 28.

The annual general meeting of the Straits Merchant Service Guild was held in the guild rooms, Meyer Mansions, Singapore, last evening. Capt. F. Caithness was in the chair and the following gentlemen present:—Messrs. J. W. Harries (hon. treasurer), H. Watson, A. M. Low, H. Griffith, D. M. Hood, F. G. Cudbertson, J. H. Harmsworth, G. L. Harris, R. E. Challenor, G. A. Ryles, W. A. Baker, R. S. B. Unwin, G. R. Wiseman, O. Phillips, D. McCallum, R. Burton, O. R. Owens, J. H. Smith, C. Carphin, and J. D. Fraser, Capt. Leighton, secretary.

Officers for Current Year. The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and were confirmed. The Chairman read the result of the ballot for the panel current year, which resulted:—Capt. C. C. Swinton, president; and Mr. P. B. Bruce as second vice-president; and the following masters and mates panel:—

Masters.—Capt. F. W. Charles, F. G. Cudbertson, A. L. Gibson, D. M. Hood, M. Leyne, N. Webb, T. J. Walsh, H. Watson, R. C. C. Dyson, H. Gregory.

Mates.—Messrs. E. Fugan, F. W. Jennings, J. Lyle, R. E. Challenor, R. S. B. Unwin, A. Anderson, W. A. Baker, O. S. Abraham, G. R. Wiseman, E. H. Powell.

Hon. Treasurer's Report. The hon. treasurer (Mr. J. W. Harries) in presenting the statement of accounts for the period under review pointed out that in accordance with the resolution in August last, the accounts were passed at the half-yearly meeting drafted upon revised lines.

Previously they had been more or less in the form of receipts and expenditure statements, but on this occasion the balance sheet and income and expenditure accounts were submitted.

The hon. treasurer drew members' attention to the fact that the accounts before them included seven months' payments for rent, bar purchases and repairs, together with the audit fee of \$200, and therefore they were in a stronger position than the accounts indicated, but which figures would be more clearly reflected in the next six months' accounts. There being no questions, the accounts were passed.

House Committee. The names of Capt. Crichton, Hewitt, Watson and Cudbertson were put forward for service of this committee and after discussion Captains Cudbertson and Dyson were elected for the office for the current year.

Suggestion Book. It was decided that the suggestion book should be abolished and that in future any member having any matter which he desired to bring to the notice of the committee should do so by writing to the secretary.

It was commented that a lot of matter got into the suggestion book which was mere buffoonery and was a waste of the Secretary and Committee's time in going through it.

Additional Rule.

The meeting agreed to adopt the following rule which would constitute Rule No. 27 of the Guild:—That five members shall be elected in January of each year by the guild committee to serve as an urgent sub-committee to administer the emergency fund, any two members of the five so elected, with one of the three presidents whichever may be in port, and the secretary shall constitute a quorum for this purpose at any time.

This rule was proposed and seconded by Capt. C. Jones and W. Clarke.

Delegate to Mission to Seamen. The Chairman read a letter from the Chaplain to the Seamen's Mission in which the guild were asked to nominate a delegate to that body.

It was unanimously decided that the secretary (Capt. Leighton) would be the most suitable delegate and he was nominated to attend.

On the proposal of Capt. Griffiths and seconded by Capt. Watson, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

H.M.S. "Thunderer," while being towed into Blyth, Northumberland, to be broken up, was driven out of her course on Christmas Eve and ran on to the beach at Blyth.

The Zealand Steamship Co. announce that their daily service for passengers, mails, and cargo, between Hongkong, Shanghai, and Peking, will be run between Peking and Harbin and Peking and Tientsin.

AMERICAN PUBLICITY.

An extensive cargo-collecting and advertising programme will be inaugurated by the Fleet Corporation, with a view to obtaining additional freight for Government-operated vessels and reducing losses.

Brig. Gen. A. C. Dalton, president of the corporation, who made this announcement, said he contemplated assigning collectors at the chief ports of the country and launching a million dollar advertising campaign of parallel proportions.

General Dalton said a study was being made of Shipping Board vessels with a view to taking them away from operators who were unsuccessful and reassigning them. He added that no decision had been made as to whether changes would be made in the home ports of some of the board's fleets.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" from Hong Kong arrived London on Feb. 1, at 9 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benalder" from Leith, Antwerp, London and Straits, is due to arrive here today.

The B.I. s.s. "Tilawa" will leave Amoy for this port on Feb. 9, p.m., and is due here on Feb. 10, at about 3 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nagpore" left Singapore for this port yesterday, at 4 p.m., and is due here on Feb. 11, at about noon.

The m.v. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on Jan. 23, and is due here on or about March 2.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Benlawers" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after Monday will be subject to rent.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. m.v. "Elmbank" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after Monday will be subject to rent.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "City of Lahore" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after Monday will be subject to rent.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 7th February, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 21st February, 1927 or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left to the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th February, 1927, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.

* KOREA MARU (Calls Keelung)	Sunday, 6th Feb., at 10 a.m.
SHINYO MARU	Tuesday, 22nd February.
SIBERIA MARU (Calls Keelung)	Sunday, 6th March, at 10 a.m.
* Calls Los Angeles.	

SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

GINYO MARU	Saturday, 26th Feb., at Noon.
ANYO MARU	Tuesday, 3rd May, at Noon.

MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.

HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 12th Feb., at 11 a.m.
HAKUSAN MARU	Saturday, 28th Feb., at 11 a.m.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 12th March.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 23rd Feb., at 11 a.m.
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 23rd March.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU	Saturday, 12th February.
CALCUTTA MARU	Monday, 21st February.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

TAJIMA MARU (calls Glasgow)	Saturday, 5th February.
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BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KAMAKURA MARU	Saturday, 6th February.
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BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

AWA MARU	Thursday, 10th February.
SEIYO MARU	Tuesday, 22nd February.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

NAGATO MARU	Tuesday, 7th February.
OSAKA MARU	Friday, 18th February.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU	Friday, 19th February.
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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

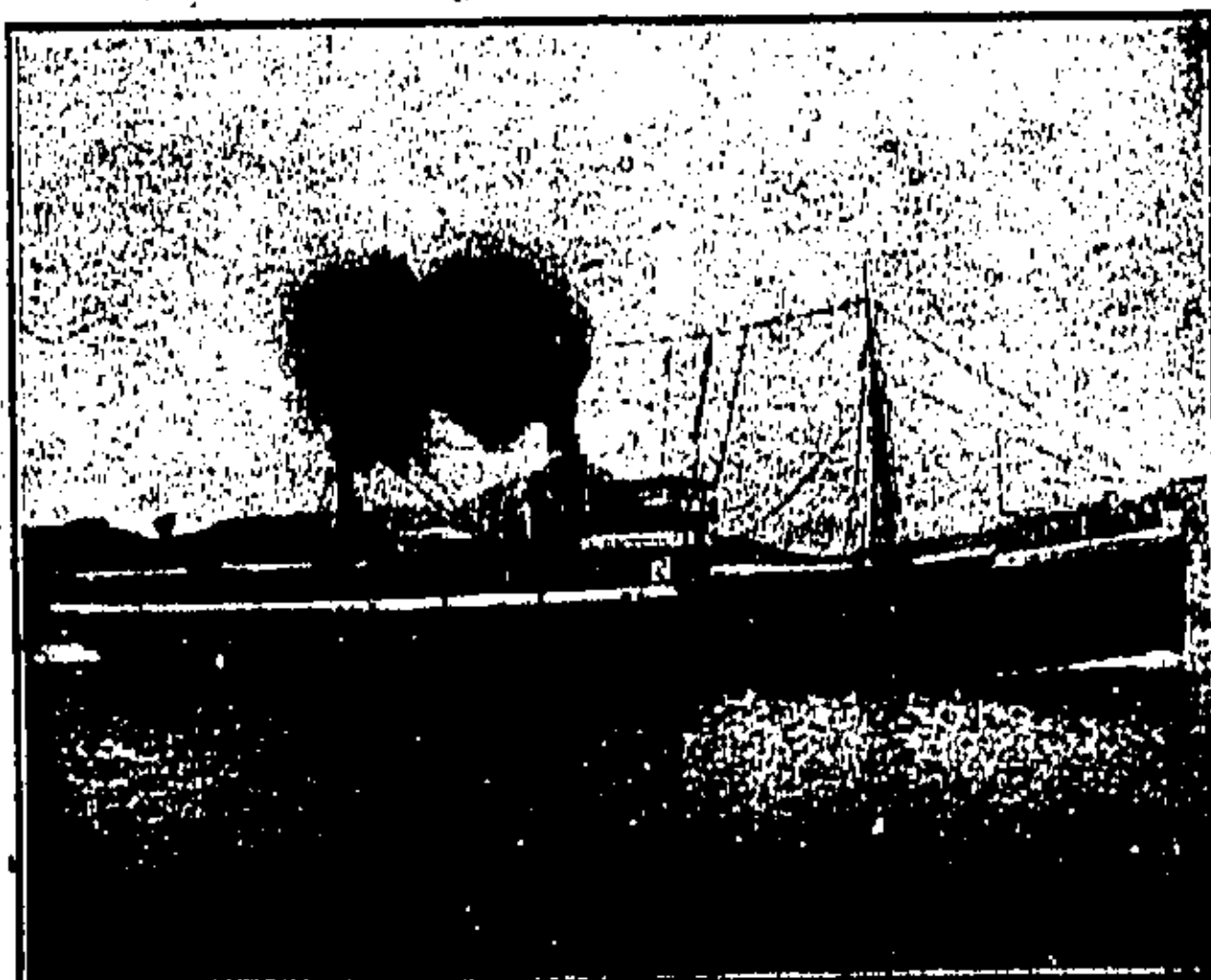
LIMA MARU (Calls Moji)	Saturday, 5th February.
NAGANO MARU (Moji direct)	Sunday, 6th February.
HARUNA MARU	Monday, 7th February.
KAMO MARU	Tuesday, 22nd February.

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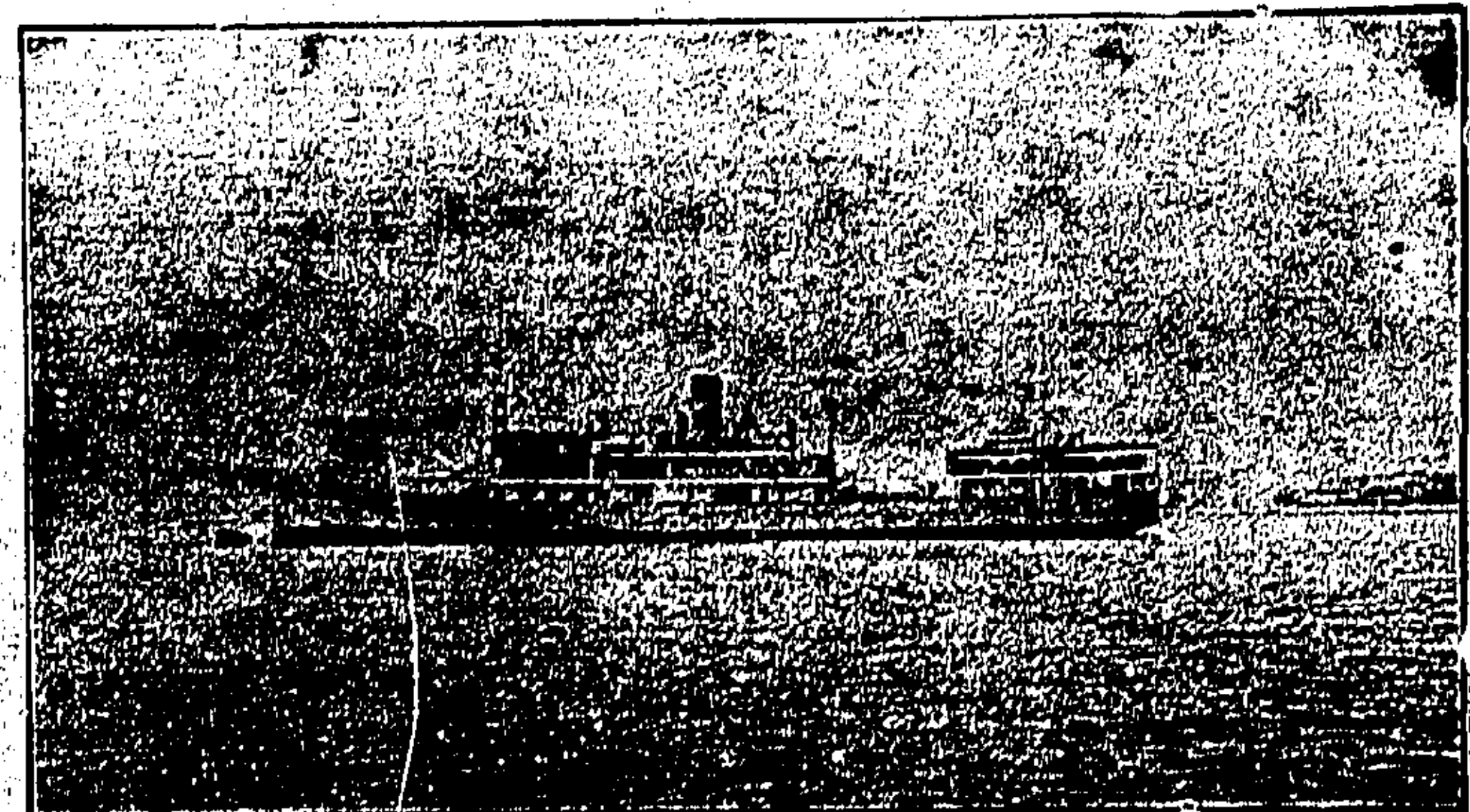
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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

The loss of the fortnight's summer holiday customary in business firms in England is compensated for to a certain extent in Hong Kong by observance of Chinese New Year, in particular, comes as a very welcome break and the absence this year of the drizzle which usually marks this holiday period enabled a full programme of local sport to be gone through. The greens at Fanling drew a large number of golf enthusiasts, the leading cricket clubs arranged attractive holiday fixtures and the coincident presence in the Colony of the Shanghai Interport and leading Shanghai teams gave soccer followers the opportunity of watching matches of more than ordinary interest. Tennis enthusiasts, driven from Clubs where cricket matches were in progress, found refuge in grounds entirely devoted to that sport, such as the Ladies' Recreation Club and the United Services Recreation Club. At least one walking party (that of the European Y.M.C.A.) acquainted themselves in fuller detail with the lay-out of Kowloon's hills. There is only one drawback to Chinese New Year—and that is the nocturnal noises which disturb the rest of even the soundest sleeper and which this year, according to those in a position to judge, were more marked than ever. However, there is an end to all "good" things and a bottom to the pursuit even of those whose exuberant spirits find such—to the foreign mind—peculiarly violent expres-

sion. Rich and poor alike, after two days of rejoicing, have to lay aside the festive garb and, with their work-a-day attire, resume a more sedate frame of mind. The foreigner breathes a sigh of relief and, bearing no malice for nights bereft of sleep, is inclined to overlook on the part of employees mistakes due to a disturbed state of mind, the legacy of festivities which to each bring a period of respite from the common round and daily task.

A Bill dealing with British cinema films is to be included in legislation indicated at the opening of Parliament on Tuesday, according to messages from Home this week. Its object is to ensure the exhibition of an adequate proportion of British films at cinemas in Britain for which purpose powers are to be given for the demanding of periodical returns of films exhibited. The Government has evidently awakened to the power of the film as a propaganda medium but whilst on the one hand it is setting out artificially to develop the industry in Britain it continues irksome restrictions which greatly handicap the British producer in competing with the products of other countries. A British film company was stopped by the Police from shooting scenes in a London slum recently because some of the performers were dressed as members of the force. About the same time one read that in a recent Jackie Coogan picture, not only was the juvenile star rigged out in miniature police uniform but the bulk of the San Francisco "bobbies" were lined up to enable the American producer to get a proper comparison. In no big film in America is it difficult to get the assistance of the Government by the use of Army, Navy, Air Force and other contingents to add a touch of reality. In Britain, in spite of the movement to give British films a chance which has as its enthusiastic head H.E.H. the Prince of Wales, every handicap seems to be placed in the way of a producer wishing worthily to represent any essentially British institution. If it happens to involve the use of a British uniform. If the British Government is anxious for the British film industry to be given a chance then it should begin by modifying the attitude of its servants. With the removal of prejudicial officialdom the industry will grow of itself and will need no new department to nurse it.

"The poor we have always with us" and, we might add, so too the beggars of Hong Kong in spite of the strenuous efforts of the police to check the evil. Fifty-three, we learn, were deported as the result of a special holiday "round-up" but these must be but a drop in the ocean as compared with the numbers one observes in Chinese districts. They are certainly kept fairly clear of European residential districts but, in spite of the supervision exercised elsewhere, one has only to talk to those who are acquainted with life in the Chinese quarters to learn that certain beggars have regular rounds and that although they may not make more than a cent a day at some of the poorer homes, they make enough to keep an honest Chinese workman in comparative luxury. That they are not really needy one learns from the fact that they turn up their noses at food instead of money. In the case of the women folk in particular they successfully use threats of a superstitious rather than a bodily nature if their appeals are unheeded. Whilst superstition and ignorance exist it will thus be impossible to stamp out the beggar nuisance entirely, but our police certainly see to it that it is kept under as much as possible and they are able the more effectively to cope with it now that their numbers are strengthened by the addition of the "Flying Squad."

CORRESPONDENCE.

LEGION OF FRONTIERSMEN, NOTE!

CHINA COMMAND AGAIN?

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."] Sir,—The writer would be glad if former members of the Legion of Frontiersmen, who still retain their interest in the movement, would communicate with him at Headquarters, No. 6, Adam Street, London, W.C.2, as it is desired, if possible, to revive the China command.

I understand that some time ago a rumour was current that the Legion was moribund, but this is very far from being the case.

After the war, we naturally suffered a set-back, but lost ground is being steadily recovered both in England and overseas. A good solid footing has been secured in New Zealand and South Africa, while on the Gold Coast the Legion has been recognised as the nucleus of a white defence force by the Government, and has been provided by the latter with rifles and machine guns. In England during the recent strike the Frontiersmen all over the country rendered excellent service to the authorities, by providing patrols in many instances mounted—of special police and police reserves.

If therefore old members, and others interested, will get into touch with me, I will send them the latest information and literature, with a view to the revival of the units which existed in the Far East before the war.

Yours, Etc.,

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HOME RUGGER.

RESULTS OF PRINCIPAL MATCHES.

BLACKHEATH WIN AGAIN.

London, Jan. 15.
The following are the results of rugby matches played today:—

Birkenhead Park 5, Guy's Hospital 6.
Rosslyn 19, Cambridge 0.
Bristol 8, The Army 13.
Cardiff 13, Bath 5.
Leicester 11, Gloucester 3.
London Scottish 0, Blackheath 14.
Mosley 6, Northampton 11.
Netath 21, Devonport Services 3.

Richmond 8, Newport 16.
Aberavon 13, Pontypool 0.
Llanelli 12, Cross Keys 5.
Gala 16, Edinburgh Academicals 3.
Edinburgh Wanderers 17, West of Scotland 10.

Glasgow Academicals 11.
Stewartonians 6.
Heriotians 9, Watsonians 5.
Portsmouth Services 24.
Chatham Services 14.

County Championship.
London, Jan. 13.

In the rugby county championship, East Midlands beat Notts, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire by 34 points to 14, at Bedford.

Club Matches.

London, Jan. 22.
The meeting of Neath and Cardiff on the ground of the former produced a great struggle, each side obtaining converted tries.

Playing at home, Blackheath found the Portsmouth Services a difficult proposition and could only win by a try to nil.

Llanelli entertained Swansea and were successful by 17 points to 11.

On their own ground, Bristol, defeated the Royal Air Force by 9 points to 3.

Percy Park visited Leicester and were beaten by 21 points to 3.

"Weather" Postponements.

London, Jan. 24.
Many rugby matches were postponed on account of the weather, including Guy's vs. Gloucester, and Cambridge vs. Harlequins, but among those that were played, the results follow: Blackheath 3, United Services 0; Cardiff 5, Northampton, 0.

HOLIDAY GOLF.

R.H.K.G.C. FANLING RESULTS.

The China New Year meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling resulted:—

Medal Round:—won by W. Ironside 87 (minus 12) equals 75. Next best scores:—N. L. Smith 88—76; J. S. McLaren 89—12—77; A. K. Mackenzie 84—5—79; G. Aubrey 89—10—79.

[Twenty-six cards taken out.]
Best Ball Medal Round:—won by L. R. Andrews and N. L. Smith 73—3—70 and J. G. S. Dodwell and G. Aubrey 74—4—70. (These two pairs tied). Next best scores were:—A. B. Raworth and C. B. Johnson 77—4—73; W. Ironside and J. S. McLaren 80—6—74; R. E. Greensmith and D. G. Bruce 80—6—74; L. R. Andrews and G. Aubrey 79—4—75; T. D. E. Pendered and Capt. Bloxham 78—3—75.

Twenty-six pairs entered.
Mixed Bogey:—won by H. G. and Mrs. Sheldon, M. H. and Mrs. Turner, E. and Mrs. Grimble, who tie with 4 down each. There were 25 entries.

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INTERPORT DINNER.

SHANGHAI FOOTBALLERS ENTERTAINED.

THE SPORTING SPIRIT.

The Hong Kong Football Association entertained the visiting Shanghai Interport team to dinner at the Hotel Savoy last night, among others present being the Hong Kong Interport team, the United Services team and officers and members of various local football clubs.

In the course of the dinner, the flag of the Shanghai Football Association was handed to the Captain of the Hong Kong Interport team.

Mr. W. E. Hollands, Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association, was also presented with a silver cigarette box as a token of the Shanghai team's thanks for what Mr. Hollands had done to ensure their comfort and welcome in Hong Kong.

Mr. R. M. Dyer (President of the Hong Kong Football Association) presided, and he was supported by, among others, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Messrs. Shaw, Ormiston, McTavish, Hamilton, Lawrence, G. T. May, the Rev. Alexander, C.F., and Logan, and Mr. W. E. Hollands, Hon. Secretary.

Health of Shanghai.

After the Chairman had congratulated the Hong Kong team on their victory and the Shanghai team on their good performance, Mr. C. W. E. Bishop (Captain of the Hong Kong XI) proposed the toast of the Shanghai Football Association and spoke of the difficulties in regard to playing conditions in Hong Kong, which were to the Shanghai team a greater handicap than to the Hong Kong players who were used to them. The speaker also referred to the sporting manner in which Shanghai had taken their defeat.

Mr. S. Gash (Captain of the Shanghai team) replying to the toast, expressed the hope that Shanghai would give Hong Kong a good game in the North next year, and that Shanghai would win. He also complimented the Hong Kong team on their victory and in conclusion submitted the toast of the Hong Kong Football Association.

Interest of Chinese.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, in congratulating the Hong Kong team, said he was glad they won but he was sorry that fortune did not better favour Shanghai. He expressed pleasure at the growing interest taken in football by the Chinese. An indication of the future of the Chinese was their growing interest in physical culture. He was sure that the friendly spirit existing between Hong Kong and Shanghai was in large measure due to Interport contests.

The Rev. C. F. Alexander, on behalf of the United Services' team, and Mr. A. H. Leslie, Manager of the Shanghai team, also spoke, the latter presenting the Shanghai team's token to Mr. Hollands.

HOLIDAY TRAFFIC.

LONDON'S 50,000,000 LETTERS IN A WEEK.

Some idea of the tremendous amount of traffic associated with Christmas may be formed from the fact that 4,750,000 passengers were carried in London County Council tramway-cars in the three days.

In addition to the 4,000,000 packages handled by the Post Office in London in the week preceding Christmas Day, more than 50,000,000 letters were dealt with.

"Christmas 1926," said an official of one of the big railway companies, "will be known as the 'out of town' Christmas. Never before have so many people left London to spend Christmas by the seaside or in the country."

No fewer than 22 special trains were required to take parcels to the West of England, South Wales, the Midlands, and the North.

On Christmas Eve 90,822 passengers were carried by the London and North Eastern Railway from Liverpool-street, King's Cross, and Marylebone. The heaviest bookings were to Harrogate, Norwich, and Scotland. Before Christmas Day 380,000 consignments of parcels were handled.

The Great Western Railway carried 10,000 people to the West of England on Christmas Eve.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

Singapore, Feb. 4.

The Straits Government has acquired 350 acres of land at the north-east corner of Singapore Island in connection with the advance of the eastern approach to the naval base. —Reuter.

Lieut. Col. Frederick Eaves, D.S.O., Barrister-at-law, has been nominated a member of the board of arbitrators to determine the amount of compensation to be paid in respect of the vacation of the General Gouraud and General Villard Houses, Nos. 2 and 3, Victoria Road.

ABOUT PAGODAS.

LECTURE AT THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

BY MR. D. O. DE SILVA.

At this week's public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society, on Thursday, Mr. D. O. de Silva, F.T.S., gave an address on "Shintoism and the Pagoda." His remarks, briefly, were—

Shintoism, the national religion of Japan, dates from the dawn of Japanese history and is intimately connected with the soul of the race. It counts today more than twenty million adherents.

Shinto, literally the "way of the Gods," is derived from the Chinese "Shin Tao," Shin meaning "God" and Tao "the Way, the Path."

When ancient Chinese literature was imported into Japan the people adopted many Chinese ideas, laws, customs and practices.

How The Name Arose.

These things so mixed with their own that it became necessary to adopt a special name for the ancient native customs, which were in consequence called (in A. D. 552, says Murdoch) Shinto, or Kami no Michi, the "Way of the Gods," in distinction of the native religion from the imported, the Butsuo, or "the Way of the Buddha."

In the course of centuries this cult-religion (ancestor-worship, the foundation of all civilised society) has undergone modification and has assumed various shapes, but everywhere in Japan its fundamental character remains unchanged.

The three forms of the Shinto worship of ancestors are the Domestic Cult, the Communal Cult, and the State Cult.

Family Worship First.

The first is the religion of the home; the second of the local deity; the third, the national religion.

The family worship is the first in the evolutionary order, the other being later developments.

Properly speaking, Shinto is not a religion, since it has no dogmas, no ethical code and no sacred book.

The absence of a code of morals is accounted for by the innate perfection of the Japanese people, who, having descended from Divinity, have no evil inclinations such as Occidentals have, to overcome.

Since there is no doctrinal system, the faith does not concern itself about a future state.

Shinto Gods Not Saints.

Shintoism, says one authority, aims at the happiness of earthly life, and assumes that the souls of the departed can essentially aid in securing it. They are conceived, therefore, to be present and are summoned by those who come to them by clapping hands, a bell, etc.

The Shinto gods or spiritual beings are by no means the pure and exalted forms which Buddhism presents to us—no saints through the overcoming of sensual pleasures—but affected by all human feelings and weaknesses. Accordingly their worshippers seek to delight them on their festivals with food offerings, theatrical processions, pantomimes, etc.

Purity of Body & Heart.

Of the servants of the faith purity is required, but more purity of the body than of the heart.

Shinto worship has an elaborate ritual and numerous rules as to purification. From the earliest period the cult exacted scrupulous cleanliness—indeed, we might say regarded physical impurity as identical with moral impurity and intolerable to the godly beings. It has always been a religion of ablutions.

The Japanese love of cleanliness has been maintained and was probably initiated by their religion.

The most important of all Shinto ceremonies is the ceremony of purification. In every home there is a shrine devoted to religion—a tiny model of a regular temple in which are placed tablets of white wood inscribed with the names of the household dead, thus keeping them in daily loving memory.

Memorial Pagodas.

Almost every deity or godly being has a shrine somewhere and hundreds of others have their temples.

In almost every garden a little Shinto shrine can be found.

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PERMANENT POST.

NEW VOLUNTEER ADJUTANT ARRIVES.

MAJOR WOLFE-MURRAY.

In accordance with the amended Volunteer Ordinance of 1920 providing that the administrative commandant might be a regular officer, Brevet-Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C., 2nd Battalion, Gordon Highlanders, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the a.s. "Mantua" to take the post of permanent Adjutant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Major Wolfe-Murray will take over the post from Capt. G. H. H. Bell. Up to the present the adjutant of the Volunteers has been an officer temporarily seconded from the regular forces. This arrangement, however, has necessitated many changes, and as the duties of the Adjutant entail a considerable amount of work, it has been decided to appoint a permanent officer who will be able to devote his whole time to it.

Major Wolfe-Murray was educated at Crediton Grammar School, Devonshire, and at Sandhurst. In 1910 he obtained a commission as Second-Lieutenant in the South Lancashire Regiment, and was posted to the 2nd Battalion. He went to India in 1911, and the following year was promoted Lieutenant, and appointed A-Adjutant and Quartermaster at Quetta. In 1915 he was transferred to the Gordon Highlanders on promotion to the rank of Captain, and returned to England. He was posted to the 2nd Battalion and joined them in France on service with the British Expeditionary Force. He was wounded in 1916. For a short time at the end of 1916 he was Company Commander of No. 2 M.G. Cadet Battalion (Tanks). In April, 1917, he rejoined the 1st Battalion, Gordon Highlanders in France, and was appointed Second in Command, and in December Acting-Colonel. In January, 1918, he was promoted Brevet-Major. Wounded again in August, he returned to England but went back to France in February, 1919, as Second in Command of the 1/5th Battalion, the Gordon Highlanders, and remained there until July, 1919.

He was seconded for service with the Egyptian Army in the Sudan in October, 1919, and returned Home in May, 1923. He rejoined the establishment of the 2nd Batt. Gordon Highlanders in 1923, and was appointed Adjutant in January, 1925.

He was mentioned in despatches twice, and received the Military Cross, and the Distinguished Service Order, in addition to the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal, the Victory Medal, and the Sudan General Service Medal.

Major Wolfe-Murray is accompanied to Hong Kong by his wife.

large Buddhist temples in Japan and their brilliant vermillion surfaces, and tall, forms make them striking and picturesque figures in the landscape.

Usual Dimensions.

The presence of such an edifice is thought to assure to the site the protection of the godly beings, in devotion to whom it was erected and to impart "to the spot a beneficial influence."

These polygonal structures in Japan are usually of five storeys and about a hundred and fifty feet high. They are about twenty-four feet square at the base. A narrow ladder staircase leads through all the storeys to the top.

In some of the Japanese pagodas the room at the bottom is devoted to a shrine containing some relic or image of Buddha or of one of his disciples.

What Each Part Signifies.

Good specimens of the ordinary pagoda may be seen in Uyeno Park, or at Asakusa, in Tokyo, and a very elaborate one stands on the middle terrace of the temple grounds at Nara.

It seems that the original pagodas were raised over relics of Buddha or the bones of some saintly being.

As in the Tabernacle and Temple of the Jews, gold symbolised the Divine nature, so also in the pagoda.

The highest point of the pagoda was of pure gold and its silver bells referred to angelic beings.

The crown of the pagoda is a golden sphere in its central axis, and signifies that God is One, the Supreme, the Creator of All in and through Whom all that exists has its being.

The nine rings with the ornamental spheres and the cup under the ninth symbolise the Universe.

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A HOME FROM HOME.

AMERICAN LAWYER'S LUXURIOUS CRUISE.

A "BELGENLAND" FEATURE.

Among the passengers aboard the "Belgenland" is Mr. Samuel Untermyer, a famous lawyer of New York.

Evidently Mr. Untermyer does not believe in doing things by halves. From a New York paper we learn that, to carry out his idea of having a real home from home, he has had suite 27-51 on the "Belgenland," the largest in the ship, stripped entirely of its fittings, and replaced them by furniture from his house, including beds, tables, chairs, bookcase, reading lamp, rugs, curtains, etc.

When the lawyer first considered making a trip around the world, in 1925, he had an idea of chartering a large steam yacht; but, after giving the matter ample consideration, he decided that it would be less trouble and more comfortable to travel on one of the big cruising liners. Mr. Untermyer is accompanied by his secretary. He has several friends and acquaintances among the New Yorkers who are going on the "Belgenland" cruise.

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ACTRESS'S COURAGE.

ACTS WITH A FRACTURED SKULL.

The astonishing feat of going through six performances on the stage while suffering from a fractured skull has been performed by Miss Paggie Robb-Smith, a young actress playing a part in "Romance," at the London Playhouse.

Miss Robb-Smith fell outside her house in New Cavendish Street on leaving for the matinee performance, and struck her head against some railings. She suffered from slight concussion, but pluckily refused to entertain the idea of giving up her part.

She went to the theatre for the evening's performance, and also played her part in four subsequent performances.

When X-rayed.

The feeling of giddiness, however, continued, and she decided to be X-rayed. An examination was made when it was found that she was suffering from a fractured skull. She was immediately confined, by order of the specialist, to a dark room.

"I do not know why so much fuss should be made about it," said Miss Robb-Smith. "I did not know my head was fractured, and therefore, I carried on."

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TRANS-OCEAN KISS.

LONDON TYPIST'S GREETING TO NEW YORKER.

The "Daily News" publishes a verbatim report of a six minutes' telephonic conversation between two of its representatives one in London and the other in New York.

The New Yorker, who was suffering from a cold, sneezed into the transmitter and later whistled "Annie Laurie." The Londoner heard both distinctly.

A London typist leaned over the phone and blew a kiss. The transmitter said: "There's a kiss for you." The New Yorker replied: "Heard it. It was the most thrilling but the least satisfying kiss I have ever received."

The Londoner adds that the conversation was clearer than Continental trunk calls.

"I heard everything the London speaker said during the telephonic, states a Highgate possessor of a loudspeaker six-valve set with an indoor aerial, in writing to the "Daily Mail." Sir Evelyn Murray's message was as clear as if a friend was telephoning from London and he admits that he heard the American replies.

RIGHT-HANDED MAN.

CAVEMEN ARTISTS WHO DREW WITH THE LEFT.

The question of right-handedness, writes the medical correspondent of "The Morning Post," remains to-day somewhat of a mystery. It is recognised as a fact that some 97 per cent. of English-speaking people have greater dexterity in the use of the right than of the left hand. In very young children, however, this tendency is not marked. In the bronze age the sickles were made for right-handed peoples.

Boiliths (stone implements characteristic of the earliest stage of human culture), however, were made both for right handed and left-handed people, and some of the artistic work of the cavemen suggests that the artists were left-handed. Man, it has to be remembered, is not built on symmetrical lines. Apart from obvious instances, like those of the position of the heart and liver, one eye is usually more powerful than the other, and the arms and legs are usually of slight different length.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

February 5—Queen's Theatre: Jackie Coogan in "Old Clothes."

February 6—World Theatre: "The Fool's Luck."

February 5—Star Theatre: "The Wife Who Wasn't Wanted."

Sports.

February 5—Fifth tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

February 6—Inaugural meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao.

February 12—Steeplechase Meeting of Fanning Hunt, Kwantli Race Course.

Meetings.

February 8—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Horticultural Society, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's, 5.15 p.m.

February 10—Adjourned meeting of Kowloon Football Club, Clubhouse, Chatham Rd., Kowloon, 6 p.m.

February 15—General meetings of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., British Traders

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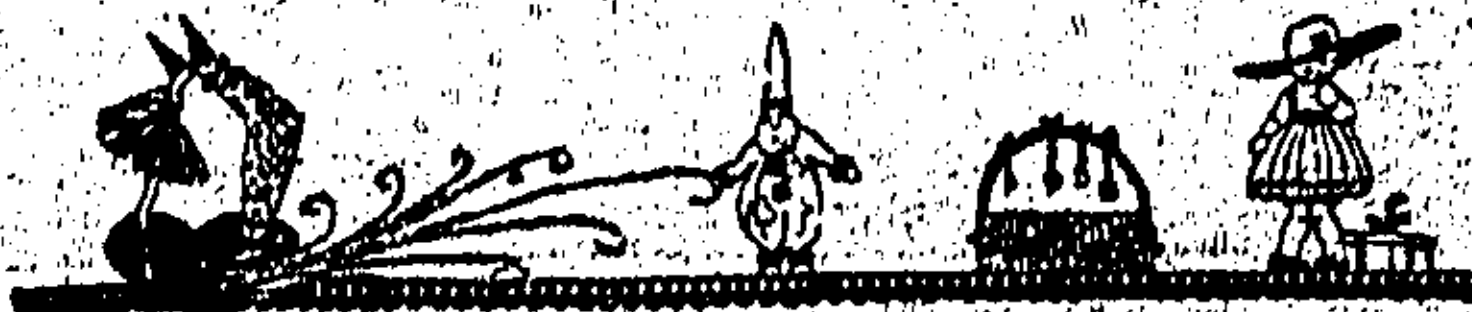
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Lord Hillingdon, Master of
the Grafton Hounds, says that, at
a low estimate, the money spent
on fox-hunting and stag-hunting
is over ten millions a year.

The Admiralty announces
that the date of Admiral Sir E. S.
Alexander-Sinclair's appointment
as Commander-in-Chief at the
Nore has been altered from April
1 to May 16, 1927. Sir Edwyn
succeeds Admiral Sir William
Goodenough.



Max Valier, author and
astronomer of Munich, who is mak-
ing preparations to be shot to the
moon in a giant rocket.

Major Miller, Member of the
Union Assembly, has raised £38,000
in Great Britain and America
in order to start a service of
commercial aeroplanes, flying be-
tween South African towns. It
is expected that in a few months
aeroplane will be flying between
Johannesburg and Durban, thus
qualifying for the Government
subsidy of £8,000. The fare will
be 7½.

Thank offering Sunday is to
be observed at St. Andrew's
Church, Kowloon, to-morrow. At
the evening service (8 p.m.), the
sidesmen will bring up the thank
offerings and these will be
dedicated with a special prayer.
The offerings will then be hand-
ed to the Wardens and counted
by them in the Vicarage, after
which the amount will be an-
nounced. The ordinary offertory
will be taken as usual, towards
the end of the service.

British and Czecho-Slovakia
have signed a joint extradition
treaty.

Two motor cars were involv-
ed in a minor collision on the
Repulse Bay Road yesterday with
slight damage but nobody was
injured.

The Public Works Depart-
ment is inviting tenders for a
new bridge at Tai-po and diversion
to replace the bridge washed
away in 1925.

Sub-calibre gun practice will
be carried out by the Navy on the
morning of Friday, February 11.
Firing will be directed against
South Gau Rock at the southern
entrance to Mira Bay.

A Chinese girl was admitted
to the Government Civil Hospital
yesterday from the 1st floor of
No. 1, Woo Hop Street, with in-
juries sustained through acciden-
tally falling from a window at
that address into the street below.

Under tragic circumstances
one of the sailors of the
"Schouwer" lost his life in
Belawan harbour on Jan. 11. The
deceased, a German, fell over-
board and was not seen again.
It is surmised that he was carried
away by a crocodile or got stuck
firmly in the mud.

Among the most interesting
of new Acts of Parliament which
have become operative is the
Adoption of Children Act, which
introduces a defined legal status
of adoption for the first time.
An Adopted Children Register,
to be established and maintained
by the Registrar-General, will be
an essential part of legal adop-
tion.

Dr. L. W. Nott, M.H.R.,
Australia, is enthusiastic about
Canberra, which he visited re-
cently. He said that it was fine
to see the city in the making, and
to know that in general layout,
breathing spaces, and beauty it
would be without rival in the
world. The Commissioners were
doing monumental work which
already was taking shape. Tens
of thousands of ornamental trees
and shrubs had been planted and
everywhere there were ploughed
fields, all being planned for the
garden spaces of the city beauti-
ful in one great bed 10,000
tulips were being planted.

Lord Inchcape has made a
personal contribution of one lakh
of rupees towards the construc-
tion of a church in New Delhi, in
response to the Viceroy's appeal.

The Municipality of Medan
is making towards sanitation.
Sanction has been obtained for
laying an underground sewage
system for the whole of Medan
and the work is to be spread over
a number of years. For 1927
£40,000 had been voted.



Russell Wood, of the White
House Secret Service, who has
been designated to serve as guard
for John Coolidge, the President's
son.

A Grenadier Guardsman was
charged at Aldershot with riding
a motor cycle with his hands off
the handle bars. He successfully
pleaded that he was adjusting his
chin strap, and the Police Super-
intendent explained that a
Guardsman must be particular
about his appearance. The
Magistrate did not inflict any
penalty.

It was announced at a meet-
ing of the Miners' Executive that
Government had refused to ac-
cept the nomination of Mr. A. J.
Cook to represent the Miners'
Federation on the Mineral Trans-
port Standing Committee. The
Executive unanimously decided to
adhere to the nomination and
declined to nominate any other
members from among whom the
Miners' Department could make
a selection.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Kwok Siu-lau has been
appointed a member of the Court
of the University of Hong Kong
for three years.

To-day's Bankruptcy Court
was adjourned on account of the
illness of Mr. E. L. Agassiz,
Official Receiver.

A Reuter cable from Singapore
announces the death of Sir
Thomas Bradcliff, former At-
torney General of the Straits
Settlements.

Mr. Oswald Sanderson, of
Hessle Mount, Hesse, Yorkshire,
and 2, Mansfield Street, London,
W., managing director of Eller-
mans Wilson Line, Hull, died in
a Leeds nursing home following
an operation. He was 63.

A message from Brussels says
that the Right Hon. Montagu
Norman, Governor of the Bank
of England, has been made a
Grand Officer of the Order of the
Crown by the King of the Bel-
gians in recognition of his ser-
vices to the Belgian currency.

After a lifetime devoted to
royal service, Miss Annie Smith,
aged 74, housekeeper to Princess
Beatrice in Kensington Palace,
has died in a Kensington nursing
home. She entered the service of
the Royal Family when a girl,
and during the lifetime of Queen
Victoria was at Windsor Castle,
where in later years she was the
head maid in charge of one of the
towers. After the death of
Queen Victoria she entered Prin-
cess Beatrice's service.

An estate expected to realise
about £40,000 has been left to
Lancashire charities by the late
Miss Alice Ann Pilkington, aged
75, of Laneside House, Accrington,
only daughter of the late Mr.
Thomas Pilkington, a master
carrier. The proceeds of the
estate, at the end of 5 years, are
to be allocated to charitable in-
stitutions, at the sole discretion,
it is understood, of her solicitor,
Mr. E. Benson, of Accrington.
Miss Pilkington left only two per-
sonal bequests—£500 each to her
housekeeper and her gardener.

The death is announced of the
Venerable Arthur Edward Stone,
formerly Archdeacon of Calcutta.

The death has occurred of Mr.
Alfred Martin White, I.S.O., late
Government Assistant Veterinary
Surgeon, Penang. The late Mr.
White was born in Ceylon, and
leaves a widow, son, and two
daughters.



General Diaz, Commander-in-
Chief of the Italian Army and
military idol of the Italian people,
is in high favour with Premier
Mussolini as well as the King.

The death has occurred at
Charterhouse, of which he was
one of the brethren, of Horace
Lingard, at the age of 90. He
started his stage career at Bristol
in 1854 in the same stock com-
pany as Marie Wilton, after-
wards Lady Bancroft, and played
Grave-digger to Charles Kean's
Hamlet. He appeared as a star
actor in the comic operas
"Falka," "Pepita," etc., and re-
sired from the stage in 1920. His
wife, Alice, was a popular
musical comedy actress.

As a result of being thrown
from his horse, Sir William E.
Berry fractured a collar-bone and
two ribs. He is progressing
favourably.

Mr. R. J. H. Sidney, who was
for three years headmaster of the
Victoria Institution at Kuala
Lumpur, arrived at Singapore
from home, and intends to take
up journalistic work in the
Straits Settlements.

The death has taken place in
London of Lord Montagu of
Brandon. He was resident land-
lord at Foyes, Co. Limerick,
took a keen interest in the co-
operative movement, and was an
advocate of Home Rule on
Dominion lines.

General Booth, of the Salvation
Army, returned to London on
Christmas Day from his world
tour with his son (Brigadier
Bernard Booth), his private
secretary (Brigadier Evan
Smith), and Commissioner. Cun-
ningham, who were his compan-
ions on the tour. Mrs. Booth met
her husband at Dover. A large
company of the Salvation Army
headquarters staffs, with their
chief, (Commissioner Higgins),
gave him a cordial reception at
Victoria.

Sir Adolph Tuck, of Park
Crescent, Portland Place, W.,
chairman and managing director
of Messrs. Raphael Tuck and
Sons, Ltd., Christmas card and
picture postcard publishers and
manufacturers, who died on July
3, aged 72, left exclusive of set-
tled property, unsettled estate of
the gross value of £231,638 8s.,
with net personalty £238,228 5s.
1d. He left £3,000 to his son
Desmond to distribute among
charitable institutions and de-
serving poor, and £1,000 for
Jerusalem charities. Among
legacies to be treated as capital
only he left about £4,700 among
about 35 London hospitals and
charitable institutions. Bequests
were also made to employees.
Among numerous bequests for
memorials he left £50 each to
Sir A. Conan Doyle and Mr.
Alfred Parsons, R.A.

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SPORTS SECTION

ELEVEN GOALS.

UNITED SERVICES DEFEAT SHANGHAI.

THE SOCCER INTERPORT.

Eleven goals were scored yesterday on the R.K.F.C. ground in the Interport soccer match between United Services of Hong Kong and Shanghai, the local team winning by 7 to 4, after twice being a goal in arrears.

Shanghai's selected eleven did not play a number of places being filled by reserves and by members of the Shanghai Chinese team (i.e., Eastern China). The teams were:—United Services:—Avery, Trim, Baker, Fagrest, Sims, King, Eubank, Stock, Northey, McGlinchey, Rev. Alexander.

Shanghai:—Tetall, Voong, Reid, Hurry, Marcel, Leung Yuk-tong, Baxter, Sinclair, Fordy, Cellaco, C. W. Chen.

Ding Dong Match. Shanghai led 2-2 and then 4-3 in the second half after the Services had opened the scoring. Towards the end the local combined team found the Shanghai goal four times to establish a convincing victory.

There were brilliant individual performances on either side but team work was not conspicuous. Tetall, the visiting custodian, struck the ball against a post and a goal was accordingly awarded to Hong Kong, the ball having crossed the line.

Then Cellaco made the score 1-4 for Shanghai. Northey gave the Services the lead again and Cellaco equalised the second time (2-4).

In the second half Fordy put Shanghai one up. Sims squared matters by scoring from a penalty (3-4) but Marcel got Shanghai's fourth.

McGlinchey replied for the Services (4-4) and the winning goals were scored by Alexander, Stock and Alexander, the K.O.S.B.'s chaplain distinguishing himself in spectacular runs down the wing to clinch matters for his side.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

Starting times at the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's course at Fanling on Sunday are:—

9.28 a.m. J. W. Franks, C. C. Stark.

9.32 G. E. Ellams, R. W. Stoddart.

9.36 H. G. Howard, F. G. L. Wheeler.

9.40 H. G. Hegarty, W. J. Clerk.

9.44 A. W. Roberts, T. C. Monaghan.

9.48 A. O. Brown, A. E. Lissaman.

9.52 A. J. Frank, F. Austin.

9.56 W. Ironside, J. S. McLaren.

10.00 P. Jacks, S. A. Waller.

10.04 A. P. Bunney, J. W. Alabaster.

10.08 I. H. Geare, W. Douglas.

10.12 H. L. Carson, W. A. Stewart.

10.16 H. A. Lammert, C. Shank.

10.20 C. Thwaites, F. D. Wood.

10.24 P. A. Cox, D. M. Goodall.

10.28 A. H. Ferguson, I. W. Shevan.

10.32 A. C. I. Bowker, F. E. Jones.

10.36 C. B. Johnson, E. Davidson.

10.40 D. B. Pent, W. Beveridge.

10.44 G. W. Sellars, F. H. Crapnell.

10.48 J. H. Wallace, E. D. Matthews.

10.52 H. U. Ireland, F. J. de Rome.

10.56 A. Nicol, W. J. S. Key.

11.00 E. R. Hallifax, N. L. Smith.

11.04 J. Harrop, A. W. Hodges.

11.08 V. M. Grayburn, D. Blake.

11.12 R. J. Rawlinson, S. T. Butlin.

11.16 E. W. Morris, X. Fletcher.

11.20 A. D. Humphreys, N. K. Littlejohn.

11.24 G. B. Layton, P. P. J. Woodhouse.

11.28 G. Davidson, J. K. Shaw.

11.32 A. Leach, W. L. Dunbar.

11.36 T. Low, H. L. Cleland.

11.40 E. A. Brodie, J. H. M. Andrew.

11.44 T. S. Whyte-Smith, A. Sommerfeldt.

11.48 Major Lynch, R. W. Keymer.

11.52 A. E. Purver, K. S. Robertson.

R.H.K.G.C. LADIES SECTION.

The competition on the new course, Fanling, for a prize presented by Mrs. Matland to the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club has attracted 56 entries and the funds of the S.P.C.A. will, therefore, receive \$29, the amount of the entrance fees. Details of the draw are posted at each of the Club Houses.

The first and second rounds are to be played off on or before February 20, the third and fourth on or before March 8, and the semi-finals and final by March 20.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI against the Royal Navy on Wednesday at 5 p.m. sharp on the U.S.R.C. ground:—S. H. Garrod; J. Rodger, D. Lyon; Rev. N. Evans, E. J. R. Mitchell (captain), Major J. P. S. Grieg; G. B. Slipper, F. G. L. Wheeler, W. Woodward, R. K. Valentine, G. P. Lammert.

YACHT CLUB.

RACES ARRANGED FOR THIS SEASON.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

[By "Chau Kung."]

The draft programme for future events in the various classes of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club is as follows:—

Racing Yachts.

Saturday, Feb. 12:—9th and last Championship race.

Saturday, Feb. 19:—Presented

Cups race for all classes.

Saturday, Feb. 26:—"Tai Yut" for Championship winners.

Saturday, March 5:—Memorabilia Race for all classes.

Saturday, March 12:—The

"Ladies" Presented Cup.

Saturday, March 19:—The "Ser-

vices" Presented Cup.

Cruisers.

Sunday, Feb. 13:—5th Champion-

ship race.

Sunday, Feb. 20:—Resale of 1st

Championship race.

Sunday, Feb. 27:—Presented

Cup race.

Ladies' Events.

Monday, Feb. 14:—(a) Sail off

of Championship tie for

Handicap Class. (b) Meut-

HONG KONG LEAGUE FOOTBALL TABLES.

Not taking into account the "Tamar's" withdrawal (i.e., reckoning the 9 matches they have actually played) and not yet adding on points forfeited by absent teams—the tables of the Hong Kong Football League are given below. On account of the Shanghai Interport visit there are no league fixtures for today.

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Club de Recreo	11	9	2	0	36	13	20
Kowloon F.C.	14	7	2	5	26	14	16
Hong Kong F.C.	11	6	1	4	14	13	13
Royal Artillery	12	6	1	5	19	18	13
Scottish Borderers	11	6	1	6	19	18	13
Chinese Athletic	12	4	5	4	12	23	13
Police R.C.	12	5	2	5	11	17	12
H.M.S. "Tamar"	9	1	3	5	13	19	5
South China A.A.	13	1	1	11	6	28	3

Division II, Section "A."

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Borderers' Reserves	11	10	1	0	45	12	21
Chinese Athletic "A"	14	9	2	3	33	19	20
St. Joseph's College	12	6	2	5	31	17	14
Kowloon Reserves	11	5	3	3	23	10	13
Recreio Reserves	13	5	3	5	28	24	13
H.K.F.C. Reserves	11	5	2	4	16	22	12
R.A. Reserves	10	6	1	4	15	12	11
University	9	5	0	4	16	16	10
South China Reserves	11	1	0	10	6	34	2
Chinese Athletic "B"	13	0	0	13	8	56	0

Division II, Section "B."

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
St. Joseph's Reserves	13	11	2	0	48	15	24
Moslem Club	12	10	0	2	36	10	20
Chinese Athletic "A"	13	7	3	3	17	15	17
South China Boy Scouts	12	5	1	6	20	30	11
Bank Portuguese	13	5	1	7	16	31	11
Chinese Athletic "B"	13	4	0	9	19	23	8
Kowloon F.C. "B"	12	2	1	9	16	31	5
South China "B"	12	2	0	10	16	33	4

serie Race for all classes.

The races starting at different times. Sunday, March 13:—Ladies v. Club (provisionally).

It will be seen that no "race proper" has been fixed for the "off" day of the race or the Sunday following.

The Ladies' Championships' the 1st race of which was resailed on Monday last, have resulted in a tie in the Handicap Class between "Colleen" sailed by Miss Hazelard, and "La Linda" sailed by Mrs. Ratsey with 43 points each; whilst "Diana" sailed by Miss Miles is third with 36 points.

In the smaller classes, "Boojum" sailed by Miss B. F. N. Lewis is first 131 points with "Bluenose" sailed by Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell only 3 points behind. "Thecla" (Miss Butcher) is 3rd, with 105, "Allan" (Miss Chapple) 4th with 94 and "Why Wonder?" (Mrs. Fausset) 5th with 89, whilst "Zephyr" (Lady Clement) and "Gael" (Miss Robinson) tie for 6th place with 80 points.

The third and final contest between the Royal Navy and the Club left the "Sailors' Bold" victors by 12 points, the score standing finally at Royal Navy 320 points; Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club 308 points.

In the first of the series where the classes sailed separately, the Club gained a big advantage—winning by 25 points, but in the two subsequent events the Navy first reduced the lead to 19 points and finally converted the deficit into a winning lead of 12—"Good Luck to em."

M.C.C. TOUR.

SOUTH AMERICAN XI PLAY A DRAW.

London, Jan. 14.

Rosario. — In their match against Rosario, the M.C.C. tourists scored 112 runs for 8 wickets and declared their innings closed. The Rosario team made 76. White took 4 wickets for 34. The M.C.C. in their second innings scored 54 for 5 wickets. Bird took 4 wickets for 31. The match was left drawn.

CRICKET TROUBLE.

PONSFORD ABSENT FROM VICTORIA XI.

NOT ABOUT THE BONUS.

Melbourne, Jan. 17.

The news that W. M. Ponsford has declined, owing to business reasons, to play for Victoria against New South Wales and Queensland has caused widespread disappointment, following the previous withdrawals of Woodfull, Ryder and Love, unconnected, however, with the bonus issue.

[A previous message said:—According to the newspapers, members of the Australian team, which recently toured England are most dissatisfied with the bonus granted them.

Apparently they expected about \$350. It is even stated that some of the New South Wales players will refuse to play against Victoria as a protest.]

Ponsford may play in the Lancashire League this year as an amateur.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

ROYAL NAVY DEFEAT UNIVERSITY.

On their own ground yesterday, the University lost to the Royal Navy by four wickets in division I of the cricket league. Scores:—

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HOME NOTES.

LATEST "AHEAD OF THE MAIL."

London, Jan. 22.

Heavy snow in several parts of the country rendered grounds unfit for play and many football matches in both codes had to be postponed.

The officials at Windsor were compelled to cancel the race meeting, and it was doubtful whether any racing at Leicester would be possible.

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MOTORING SECTION

CARE OF ENGINES.

THE GROWING IMPORTANCE
OF LUBRICATION.

THE ACTIVE LIFE OF OIL.

The importance of engine lubrication is a point that the modern automotive industry is stressing heavily. Every manufacturer of passenger cars, motor trucks and buses gives definite information about changing oil, oil level, etc., and tremendous damage is done to engines when such instructions are not followed.

Oil in an automotive vehicle of any kind has a very active life. It is pumped to outlying moving parts: in the crankcase, everywhere, it has to form an infinitely thin and infinitely strong buffer between two metal surfaces. In the cylinders, for example, without the oil film between the pistons and the cylinder walls, the metal moulds soon wear away and leave enough space to allow the force

TRANSPORT EVOLUTION.

22 YEARS' MIRACULOUS
GROWTH.

"When I looked at that little 5 h.p. horizontal Vauxhall 'one-lunger' with a chain drive to the back axle for the top gear and epicyclic gearing for the low speeds hinged tiller steering, a hit-and-miss engine governor and no clutch pedal, that ran from London to Glasgow in May, 22 years ago, only cracking the porcelain insulation of the sparking plug, and which jugged-jugged along the streets of London in the Lord Mayor's Show this week," said a H. Massac Bulst, in the London "Morning Post" of November 13, in the R.A.C. smoking room, "I could not make up my mind whether the most remarkable evolution of motoring illustrated in that parade was the Daimler 'Double-Six' or the Austin 'Seven' of today."

"You're right," said another,

G.\$15,000 RACE.

OIL-BURNING MOTOR
VEHICLES.

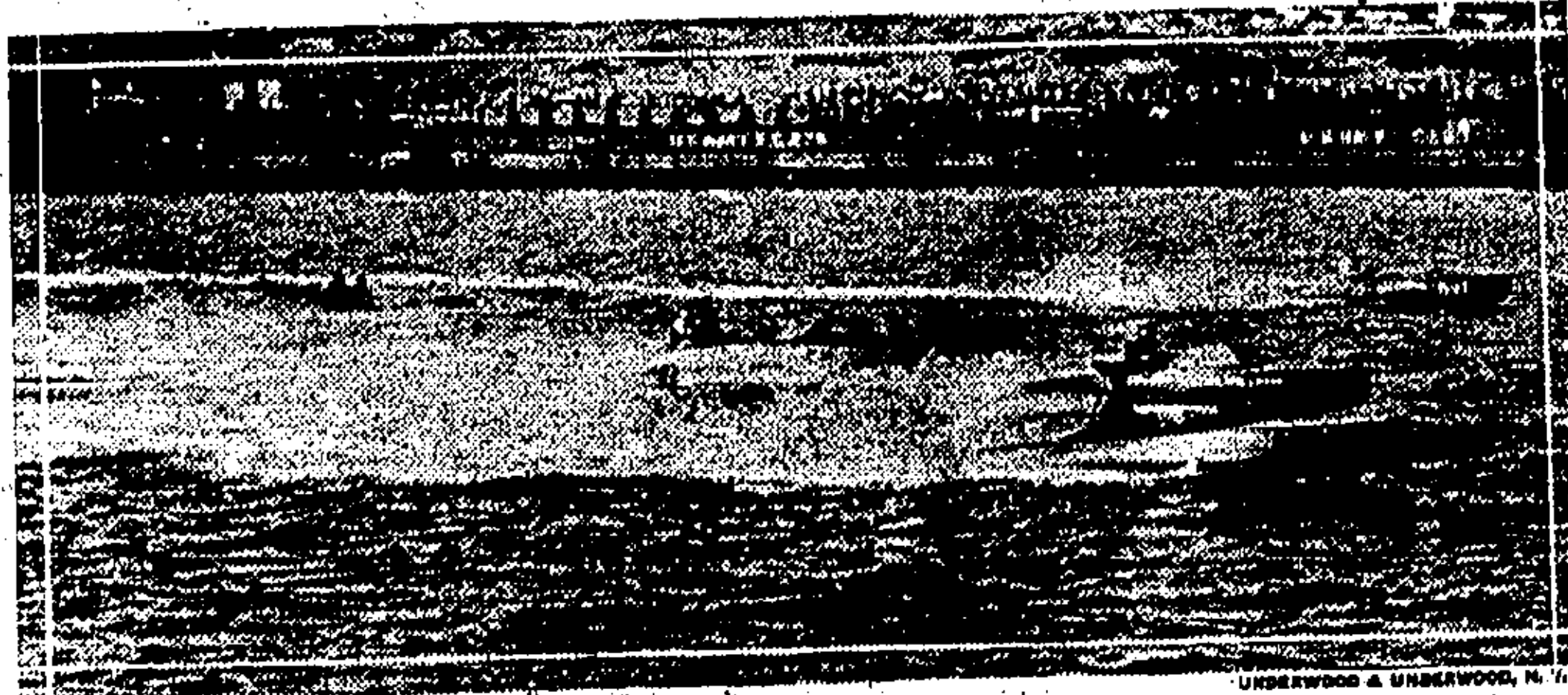
NIGHT-ILLUMINATION.

Miami (Fla.), Jan. 25.

An announcement was made to-night by Carl G. Fisher and James A. Allison, owners of the Indianapolis motor speedway, Indianapolis, that in addition to the annual International 500-mile race held each May, there will be in September a 24-hour contest for \$15,000, for vehicles powered with oil burning motors.

The entire Indianapolis racing plant will be illuminated for the night contest and an exposition of all oil burning appliances will be held in the infield of the track. This object, the owners announced, is to effect progressive development by competition of the oil burning motor which, if perfected, will revolutionize all types of motor-propelled vehicles on roads, rails, on water or in the air. It will be the first event of its kind and is to be an annual fixture.

"STREAMLINES" IN MOTOR-BOAT RACE.



A record-smashing motor-boat race at San Diego, California, where the world's record for five miles was recently broken and where such contests are very popular.

of the explosions in the cylinders to be wasted.

Dirty and Sluggish. If oil becomes dirty and sluggish in operation it is not usually the fault of the oil. Grit, dust, water and petrol get into the oil unless it is carefully protected. To this end air-cleaners are much used nowadays to clean the air on its way to the cylinders. Oil purifiers are also coming into use to remove foreign matter from the oil actually in use in the motor. Dirt in the oil clogs up the small holes throughout the lubricating system and prevents the oil from reaching the bearing surfaces.

In operating the car, care should be taken not to use the choke longer than necessary, because petrol which enters the cylinders and does not burn will run down the cylinder walls and destroy the oil film as well as diluting the oil in the crankcase. Cylinder head gaskets must be kept tightly in place to shut off any water that might otherwise leak through into the combustion chambers.

ORDER AGAINST SPLASHING.

M. Morain, the Prefect of Police, Paris, has issued a regulation ordering all motor-vehicles to be fitted and so driven that pedestrians will not be splashed by mud or water.

First offenders will be let off with a warning, but a second offence will bring severe penalties.

"APPALLING" DRIVERS.

"The way in which some tradesmen's carts are driven is appalling," said Mr. Hay Halkett, the Marylebone Police Court magistrate, "and the men who drive laundry vans are the terror of my life."

A young Pretorian, Piet Lievaart, on December 16 won the motor cycle long jump at the Auckland Park motor-drome with a jump of 30 ft. 6 in., says a message from Johannesburg. He then gave an exhibition jump, in which he covered 82 feet, beating the world's record of 49 feet.

"The unusual feature of the evolution of automobile engineering is that it does not unfold entirely in the direction of bigger scale, ambitious achievement, such as the development of the liner, the steam engine, and the skyscraper. Continuous chasing after perfection does not end in the creation of 'New Phantoms.' The biggest demand will always be for the little uns."

Progress in the commercialization of motoring is really illustrated most effectively in the small and cheap cars on the market—their four water cooled cylinders instead of one; reliable magneto or battery instead of costly, ineffective, and wholly unreliable tube ignition; mechanical engine-starting instead of hand-cranking; wind-screening with automatic window wiping, and complete all-weather equipment instead of absolute exposure; four-wheel brakes instead of two; iron straps, and by tires that have some times the wearing life, but which do not puncture, in the course of use. In fact everything about a car or a lorry to-day tells that sort of tale.

One in Five an Owner.

"If America really has one vehicle in use for every 5.8 head of population," said the first speaker, "I don't understand why we stick at 45.6, especially when every one of the Dominions overseas beats us. Yet we have the most highly developed roads."

"I think war and Socialistic taxes account for a bit of it," said the other. "You see, the Dominions beat every other European country hollow. Canada, with one vehicle for 12 persons; New Zealand with one for 2.5; and Australia, with one for 19.5, against France's score of one for 51.3, Germany's one for 247.9, and Italy's one for 366.2. I got those figures out of 'The Motor Industry of Great Britain,' which the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders gave away at the show banquet."

At home I referred to my copy and found that the number of motor vehicles of different types

registered in this country for the last 15 years are as follows:—

Years	Commercial Hackney Cabs	Commercial Hackney Cabs	Commercial Hackney Cabs
1911	47,000	25,000	28,913
1912	57,000	31,000	31,260
1913	68,000	37,000	34,212
1914	85,000	37,000	46,122
1915	90,000	49,000	38,951
1916	92,000	49,000	45,170
1917	71,000	39,000	41,759
1918	50,000	28,000	38,399
1919	71,000	38,000	38,619
1920	122,000	66,000	65,894
1921	250,000	135,000	70,000
1922	315,000	159,000	73,000
1923	384,000	181,000	86,000
1924	474,000	210,000	94,000
1925	580,000	232,000	99,000

Care in Driving.

That the proportion of accidents to the number of vehicles used was not higher in the pioneer days was due entirely to the keenness and care of the drivers, a fact of which motorists to-day are either ignorant, or which they deliberately ignore. If as much care was exercised when roads were infrequently used, and badly designed and relatively badly-built vehicles piled them, were taken to-day the number of current accidents would be halved.

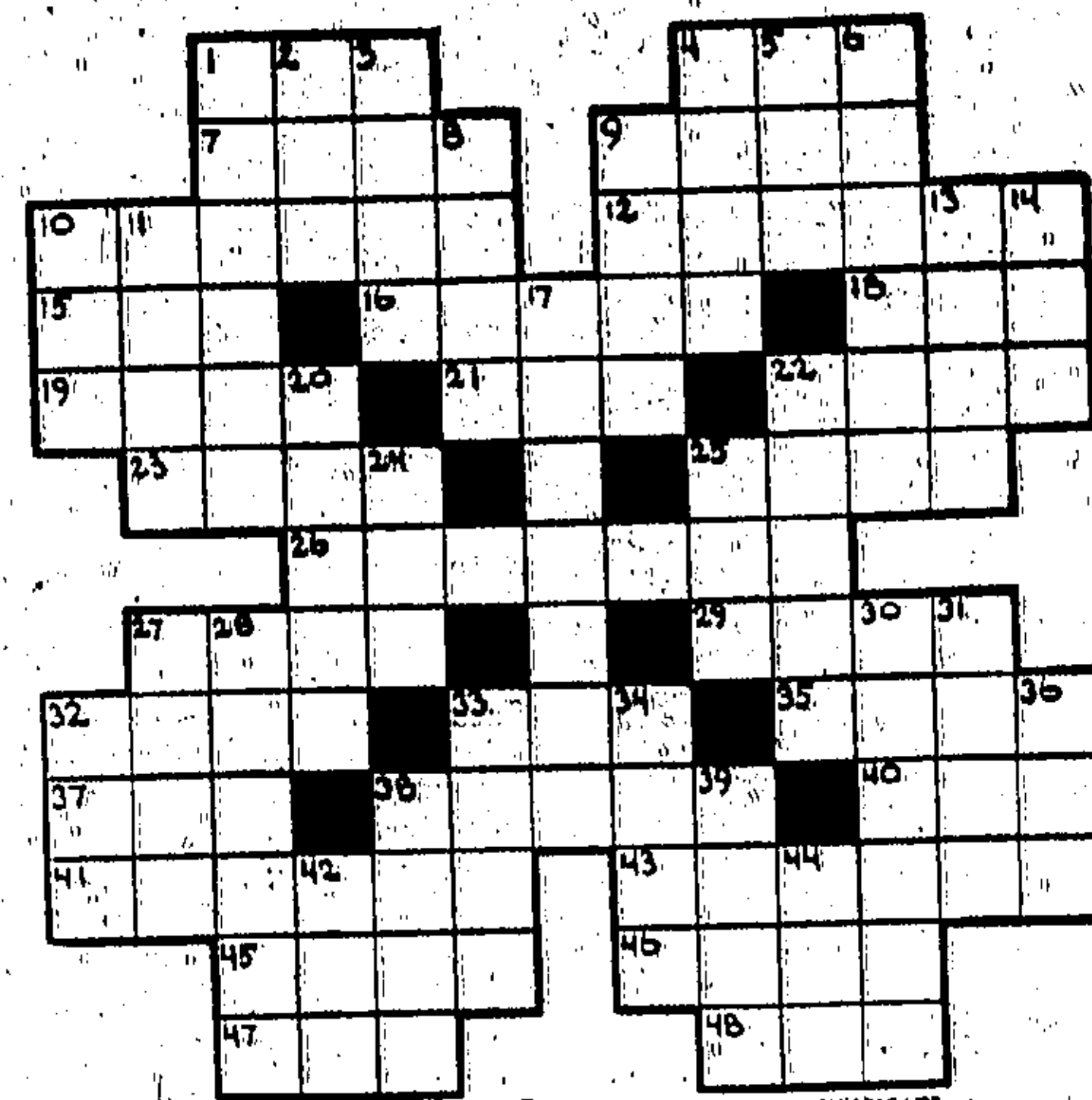
Owing to the turn over of traffic to motor transport it is not unnatural that the number of accidents due to motorists should increase. The great decrease in the number of accidents per number of motor vehicles registered, however, is scarcely realised, yet, I quote the official figures given in the above-mentioned invaluable book for the post-war period, which alone concerns us.

Year	No. of Accidents	Vehicle Miles	Accidents per 100,000 Vehicle Miles
1918	22,745	114,000	5.01
1919	34,057	148,000	4.30
1920	39,702	254,000	5.40
1921	43,829	461,000	10.60
1922	49,642	552,000	11.10
1923	60,741	651,000	10.60
1924	78,065	773,000	10.60
1925	88,969	911,000	10.10

In the last year in which international statistics are available for the purposes of comparison, the mortality rate per 100,000 persons living in England and Wales resulting from motor accidents was

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Apropos
- 2-Obese
- 3-A small bottle
- 4-Elderly man
- 5-To swindle
- 6-Hypnotic condition
- 7-Tune
- 8-Domesticates
- 9-Canine
- 10-To paint
- 11-Animal's foot
- 12-An ice floe
- 13-Genuine
- 14-Naked
- 15-An observation post
- 16-Enthusiasm
- 17-Bird's home
- 18-Gaunt
- 19-Distorted
- 20-Ack
- 21-A number

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 22-Founded
- 23-No
- 24-A cotton
- 25-Small
- 26-Blood
- 27-A malicious glance
- 28-There
- 29-Speak
- 30-Consideration for the balance
- 31-Evergreen (pl.)
- 32-Southern constellation
- 33-Sensitive
- 34-Jump
- 35-Bolt slowly
- 36-To fatigue

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-One given to falsehood
- 12-Center
- 13-To insult
- 14-Designator
- 15-Paralyze
- 16-Moderated
- 17-Abraham's nephew
- 18-Small cake
- 19-Area
- 20-A soldier on guard
- 21-A small river-duck
- 22-Marsh
- 23-To lessen
- 24-Shout
- 25-To color
- 26-Farm building
- 27-Expire
- 28-Sound a cow makes
- 29-Light afternoon meal

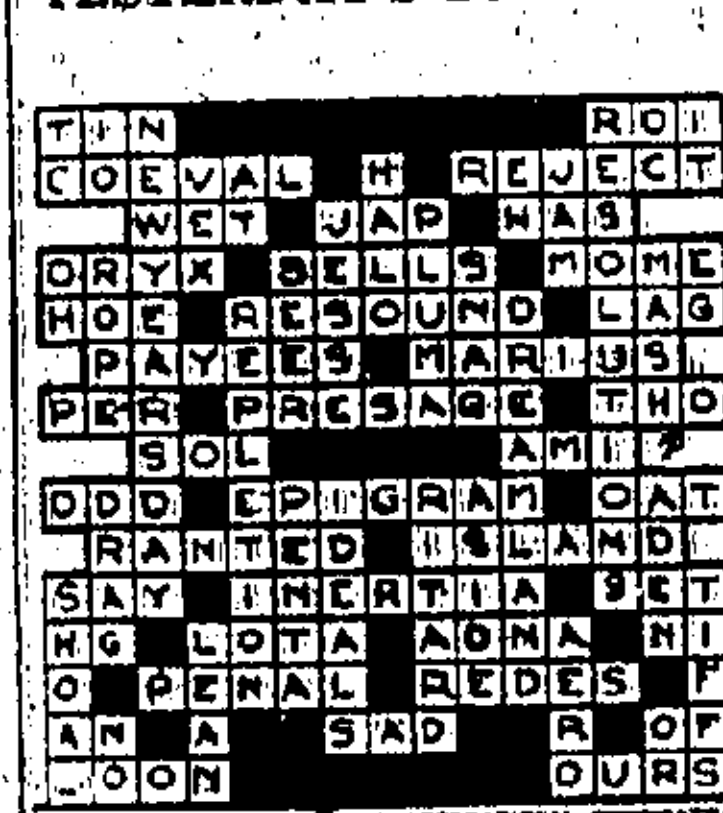
SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES. Start out by filling in the words which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

5.4 in 1922, in which year in America it was 12.5. We have merely to turn to the statistics possessed by the insurance companies concerning first year's premiums, however, to discover that the number of motor accidents in this country could be reduced enormously—perhaps bringing down the above quoted figure of 5.4 per 100,000 to, say 2.5 per 100,000—if drivers were more careful during the first year of their experiences.

Efforts are being made to extend the use of automobiles in Poland, and as a preliminary the roads are receiving attention, so that in due course a fresh opening is anticipated for British cars.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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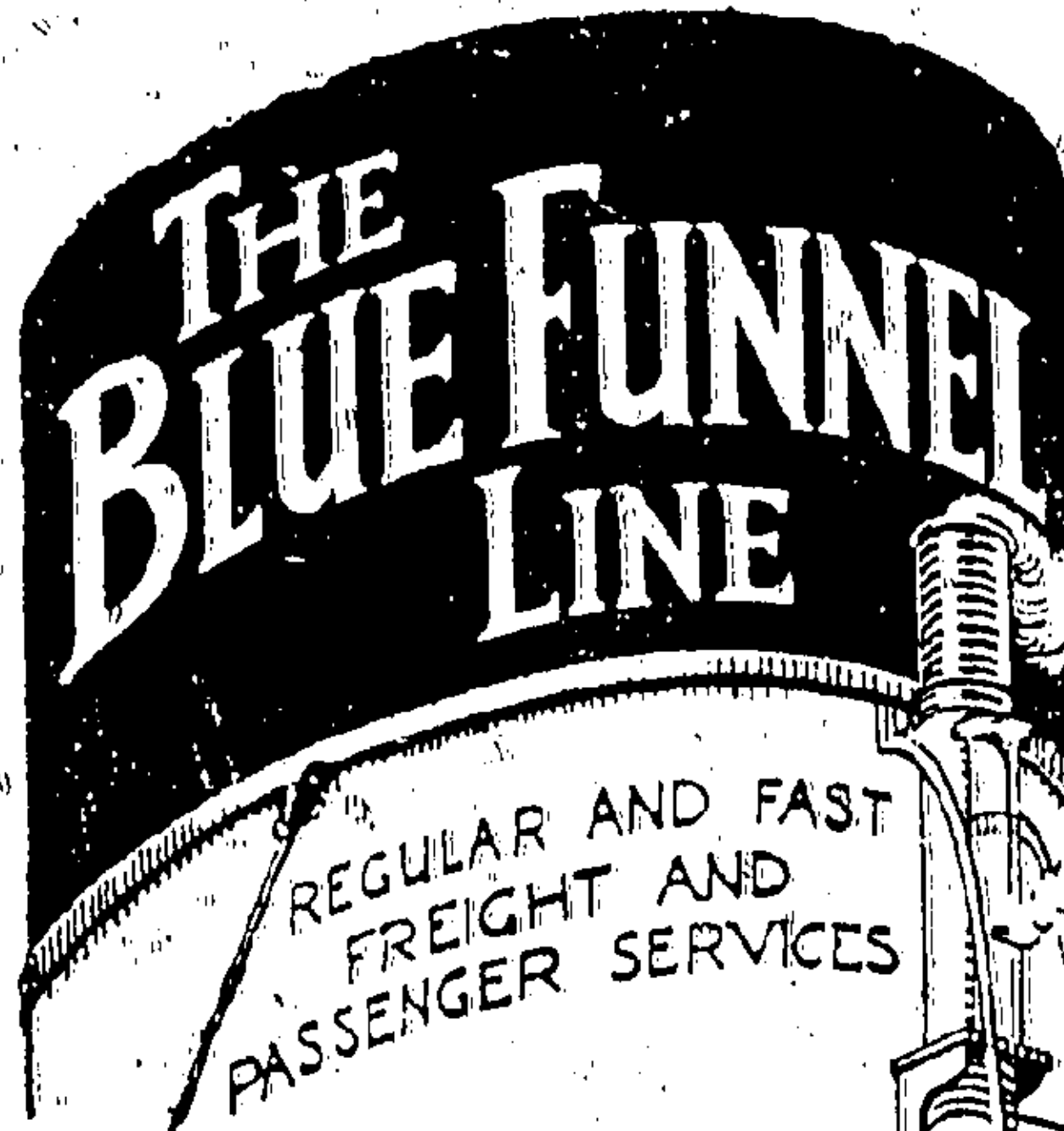
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STEAMER AGROUND.

RESULT OF THE MARINE INQUIRY.

LACK OF UP-TO-DATE CHARTS.

Singapore, Jan. 26.
The marine inquiry into the grounding of the Blue Star steamer "Royal Star," north of Bata Beranti in the Singapore Straits on January 13 was continued yesterday in the District Court.

The assessors were Mr. P. A. F. David, Capt. G. Freyburg, O.B.E., R.N. (Master Attendant), Capt. A. H. Barnes, D.S.C. and Capt. R. W. Morris.

Mr. G. G. Seth appeared on behalf of the Attorney-General, and Mr. H. B. Layton on behalf of the master and the third officer.

No Negligence.

Mr. Laycock submitted that the Captain was in no way negligent, because he did not know that the charts had not been corrected until after the accident.

In reply to Mr. Seth, the Captain said that on the chart on which he was working there was nothing to worry about so long as he did not hit the light. He was not taking any risk at a mile away.

Mr. Seth suggested that if you had been using a large scale chart you would have known that you had hit this patch, indicating another should?—Witness: No, sir.

Mr. Seth: I suggest that you had the misfortune to hit the only patch which was not so deep under water. Witness: No, sir. I don't think I could have hit that.

Mr. Seth pointed out that even on the new chart that was the only point which was only 23 ft. in depth.

Mr. Thomas Francis Macdonald, third officer, said he was the officer of the watch at the time of the casualty and went on the bridge shortly after 9 a.m. Before during and after the casualty the master was on the bridge. Witness estimated that at the time of the casualty they were about a mile from Bata Beranti light.

Further evidence was given by the fourth engineer and the quartermaster.

The Captain's Evidence.

The master, Capt. J. McLeod, in evidence, stated that when at Liverpool he included in his list of requisitions instructions that the charts should be sent for correction. "He gave orders to the second mate and only found after the casualty that his orders had not been obeyed and that the charts had never been sent ashore to be corrected. The second mate left the ship and the present second mate joined the ship two days before it sailed.

Witness was on the bridge at 9.05 a.m. on the 13th when Batu Beranti bore S. 68 W. true. Peak island bore N. 50 W. true.

They were about two miles from Batu Beranti and the weather was fine and clear. At 9.11 witness thought that the ship was aground too near to Batu Beranti and so he took her out a little. When the vessel struck he did not realise at first that they had hit a reef, but on account of the hissing made by air pipes from water tanks which had been pierced, thought that a steam pipe on the winches, on which the engineers had been working, had burst. Immediately afterwards the vessel heeled over and he realised that he had struck something. He thereupon made for Singapore.

In response to the Master Attendant, witness said that he followed his sailing instructions up to Horsburgh Light, after that he did not think it was necessary to do so because he thought that his charts were up to date.

The Master Attendant: It is not much use having sailing instructions if you are not going to follow them.

Witness: There is a rule that if the sailing instructions disagree with the chart, follow the chart.

Mr. G. Heron, Government Surveyor of Ships, expressed the opinion that the ship had scraped a reef.

Replying to Mr. Layton witness said that the damage was material and interfered with the seaworthiness of the ship.

Court's Finding.

After counsel had addressed the court, the assessors retired, and on returning gave their decision. They found that no action was necessary with regard to the certificate of the master but censured him for negligence in not having a chart which was up-to-date, not taking bearings earlier, and not reading the instructions in the sailing directions. "No action was necessary with regard to the third officer, whom the court found was in no way to blame. The court was unable to say from the evidence what reef was struck by the vessel.

HARD FACTS.

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matters of exceptional character or implication are not to be discussed with local or other Chinese authorities who cannot represent Nationalist China and its organ of leadership, the Chinese Nationalist Party. His Majesty's Government invites the Nationalist Government to regard the step proposed as "an earnest of a fair and conciliatory spirit, etc." but it is not easy to reconcile this claim with the feverish concentration of armed British forces now proceeding, and the consequent war atmosphere and war neurosis created.—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Statesmen on Malign Influences.

London, Feb. 4.
Speeches on the Chinese situation were made last night by several members of the Government and other statesmen.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Bridgeman, commented on Mr. Chen's continuance of negotiations, knowing that Britain was preparing to defend Shanghai, and then suddenly suspending them because of what was called the aggressive nature of the military preparations. Some malign influence was obviously at work to check those negotiations.

The President of the Board of Trade, Sir Philip Cunliffe List, said that Britain's policy had been made clear to the world and she had stated plainly that she was prepared to negotiate frankly and generously on those issues. Despite the difficulties created by the disunion of the contending forces, an effort had been made to conduct the negotiations as far as possible without prejudicing the ultimate unity of the Chinese people. Even more had been done. "We had declared willingness by unilateral action to vary and reform British Concessions and Treaty rights. If we are to proceed in this frank and generous spirit we have a right to be met in the same spirit and with the same good faith. We must know we are dealing with authorities who have the will and the power to implement their undertakings. And it is our bounden duty to protect the lives of British subjects. No man in his senses believes that we have ever dreamt of attacking China. Our one interest is peace."

Travesty of Facts.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Amery, said the idea that Britain was using her power in China oppressively was a grotesque travesty of the facts. Shanghai was formerly a piece of muddy fore-shore, and there the British had built up one of the largest shipping and industrial centres in the world, diffusing its trade, enlightenment and ideas of progress throughout China. It had been of immense benefit to the Chinese, and to it their awakening was due.

After discussing the broader questions of British policy Mr. Amery referred to the necessity of providing a minimum of security for the British at Shanghai. British troops would go out in peace and he believed would return without firing a shot in anger; but would nevertheless serve their purpose in ensuring the safety of a great British community.

Mr. J. H. Thomas said that to attempt to make party capital out of a position so full of serious potentialities would be unstatesmanlike and unpracticable, and he still hoped that the Hankow agreement on which the negotiations for some obscure reason were broken off, would immediately be signed.—British Wireless Service.

FOREIGN OPINION.

Growing Approval of British Attitude.

London, Feb. 4.
Growing approval is expressed in other countries of the attitude adopted by Great Britain toward the Chinese crisis. Britain's patient disregard of irritating minor incidents in pursuit of her broader aims is praised and it is being increasingly recognised

that the steps taken for the protection of lives and persons of British nationals in Shanghai are justified.

In the Foreign Commission of the French Chamber yesterday the official spokesman for the Government said that Britain had been the first country to understand that to wait for unification of China before trying to negotiate was impossible. He added that it was impossible for Britain to leave her commercial interests in China defenceless.

Paris newspapers support this view and "l'Ouvrier," which is the organ of the Left, strongly approves the British action and declares that England is perfectly right in taking measures of protection for British subjects at Shanghai.

The Italian Government is expected to take the same line in the Memorandum which the newspapers state will shortly be published. Meanwhile the Italian Press accepts the necessity of Britain despatching forces to China, charged with the limited duty of protecting life and urges that the Italian naval forces in Chinese waters should be augmented.

American naval and marine forces are standing by at Guam and the Philippines in readiness for any emergency.—British Wireless Service.

Hankow Negotiations.

Peking, Feb. 4.
British circles state that it is incorrect to speak of the negotiations at Hankow being broken off. They declare that they are only suspended.

Eugene Chen is expected to make further and more concrete proposals.—Reuter.

DUKE AIDS INJURED MAN.

While the Duke of Portland was motoring from Welbeck Abbey to Nottingham to attend a funeral, he found near Ollerton, near Mansfield, that a motor-cyclist had been in collision with a motor-car. The cyclist, John Stanley Foster, of Wiverton-road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham, had both his legs and wrists fractured, and the duke placed him in his motor-car and had him driven to the General Hospital at Nottingham, 30 miles away. It was the duke's 69th birthday, and the funeral he was on his way to attend was that of Miss Mary Ellen Shaw, who conducted a Bible class for men of which the Duchess of Portland is president.

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